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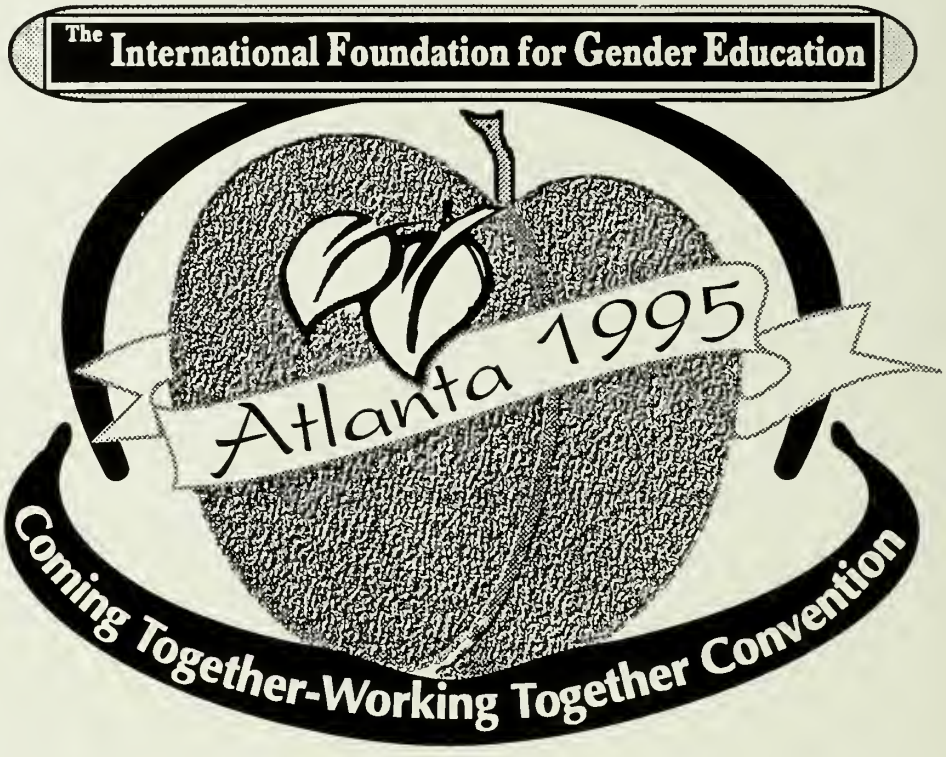

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The lead article in this issue is a how-to on developing a female voice. No quick fix here, no easy answer, just a clear explanation of what she did and how long it took her. It will take you and me about as long as it took Melanie Phillips, provided we work as hard as she did. But the point of the article, why it's in the magazine, is here is something that works. Yes, we're going to have to work to make it work, but it can and will if we do.

And that's what much of this issue is about: ...because it works. Why do we crossdress? Why do we go shopping, to restaurants and shows crossdressed? Why do we go to college campuses and talk to classes about gender issues? Why do we come out to neighbors, friends, co-workers and, Oh-my-God, family? Or live as the opposite sex? Or undergo horrendous surgeries? Because it works. There are some reality checks, here, about how you can make it not work if you insist, or how it might not work, as it sometimes doesn't, but if we do the work, that's usually a good place to start.

Judy Osborne's piece on Civil Rights and Gay Rights dots every -i- and crosses every -t-. She's done her homework. It reminds us that if we wait to find out what's going on until it's too late, it will be too late when we find out. Watching the nightly news and reading the daily paper won't do the trick. Watching Oprah and Sally Jessy won't get us there, either. Geraldo certainly won't help. If we don't guard our liberty jealously, work at being and knowing what it is, we shouldn't be surprised when we come to shear the lambs and find them slaughtered, or gone.

Which brings us to Gay Pride. It took me a lot of years to get to my first Pride march. Even then, it took two friends to tell me I could go with them if I drove. The next time I went by myself, but not, of course, until I had done the should/shouldn't//yes, but no routine. The stunning thing about that day is how different it was from the other 364. Here were thousands and thousands of people walking around sophisticated, cosmopolitan Boston as if they had a right to be who and what they are: human beings with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto. And a lot of them came up and said, "Hey, Viv, I'm glad you came. It's good to see you." It was a wonderfully joyous, heartbreaking event. (Imagine being a gay cop and pulling that duty.) Tomorrow brought us back to yesterday all too soon.

And Stonewall 25. A lot of people were there. It was a high rite. Yvonne and Eric drank the draft to the dregs. A million people, more or less, came together to say to each other, "I'm here, too." Imagine if the rest of the world did that!

There's an awful lot of, Why? in this issue: Why go out? Why come out? Why take the risk? Why make the extra effort? What's really in it for me, anyhow? When you get right down to it, why live life after all? It so often seems so much trouble. Maybe, because it works.

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DEMONS

by Merissa Sherrill Lynn

I would like to share with you a letter I wrote recently to the talk show host Rush Limbaugh. It concerns his defense of the so-called Religious Right's political activities. His defense seemed fairly reasonable, democracy in action and all that, but it was not reasonable. I want you to read this letter, not so much because it involves the Religious Right, but because it highlights the destructive nature of the process of "demonization." I want you to read it because demonizing is not only something that is done to us, but it is something we do to each other.

Dear Rush:

Your comments today concerning the Religious Right infuriated me so badly I nearly drove my car off the road. You had the audacity to defend the Religious Right, and attack people for "demonizing" them. As a post-operative transsexual, a new woman, I am a member of a community that has been specifically targeted for "demonization" by the Religious Right. As such, there is no possible way I can tell you how angry and hurt your comments made me feel. One thing is now clear. If you are not directly affiliated with the Religious Right, you are certainly their instrument.

The Religious Right is not religious. It is political. Their objective is to take over, and to run things in accordance to their concept of God and their interpretation of the Bible. Pat Robertson himself says their objective is to take over the Republican Party by the year 1996, the nation by 2000, to Christianize America, and run it in accordance to Biblical law. You and I both know the Bible has been used to justify the worst crimes ever committed, not the least of which is using the Bible to gain power, and to keep people in ignorance, hatred and fear. That is exactly what these people are doing, using God and the Bible to gain power. They are not now, nor have they ever been, nor will they ever be qualified to run this country in a just and fair manner.

Thanks to people who have used religion to justify their actions, my people (members of the homosexual, bisexual and transgendered communities) have been subjected to lobotomies, insulin shock, violence and murder. We have been forced to live in misery and fear. We have lost our families, our jobs, our friends and our lives. I can tell you from long personal experience that living under these conditions makes it nearly impossible for a person to be a happy and productive citizen, or to live in peace with his or her neighbors.

Please understand that I am not anti-religious, but I am most definitely against the Religious Right. I believe that God made all things and all people different to give the world balance. The Religious Right has dedicated itself to gaining the power to define conformity, thereby keeping the world out of balance. The Religious Right is acting contrary to God's purpose. In fact, they have given themselves the authority to define God's purpose, and to say what God made and why. That is the absolute height of human arrogance. In order to gain that power, the Religious Right has "demonized" liberals, atheists, communism, socialism, feminism, pro-choice, sexual orientation, gender orientation, environmentalists, and basically any group that does not support their objectives. They have "demonized" anyone they thought by doing so would increase the chances of getting their candidates elected. The consequences be damned.

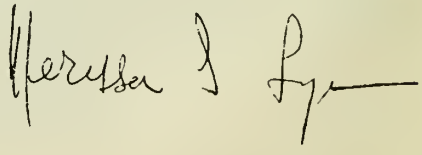
It is to the Religious Right's advantage to keep people in hatred and in fear of each other. The more hatred and fear people feel, the more inclined they are to cling to the apparent safety of traditional religion. Our objective should be to overcome that hatred and fear. It should be to accept the responsibility to care about each other, to respect each other's differences, and through that love and respect look for ways for us all to live together in peace.

You supported the Religious Right. You were wrong to do so.

With Respect, I Am,
Merissa Sherrill Lynn

We are all guilty of demonizing others. Sometimes we do it to achieve some objective. More often we do it simply because we don't know any better. In fact, that's what my article in this issue of the Tapestry, "All In The Family," is about. Demonizing others is like a cake, baked in ignorance, spiced with large doses of anger and fear, generously frosted with arrogance. It is a poisonous cake we can't seem to stop devouring. It is a cake that blinds us at a time when we most need to see the good in each other, and be looking for ways to live together in peace.

My love to you all,



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All In The Family

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Not long ago I received a card. On the cover was a picture of a brick wall. Inside, the caption read, "If you ever feel like talking to *(---)*, beat your head against this card until the feeling goes away." It was meant as an inside joke, intended to complement a sign on my door that described the nature of stress. It made me laugh at a time when I desperately needed it. However, the joke eventually wore off, and I threw the card away. That was a big mistake.

Recently, I received two letters that sent me scouring the trashcans in search of that card. The first letter concerned the relationship between the International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE) and the Society for the Second Self (Tri-Ess). The second letter concerned the exclusionary nature of the New Woman's Conference (NWC).

If you know me at all, then you will know why these letters made me feel so frustrated. First, I am a devoted advocate for building a happier and safer world for all members of the crossdressing and transsexual communities, our families, and our friends. My thought is, if we can build a happier and safer world for ourselves, we can, in the process, do the same for everyone else. For that to happen we must accept the responsibility to care about each other, respect each other's differences, and find ways to work together. We created IFGE to pursue that objective while maintaining an attitude of love, respect, and cooperation. Let me say that again. We are working to build a happier and safer world, and do so with an attitude of love, respect, and cooperation.

Next, I am an advocate for developing a strong sense of family, of perceiving everyone who is willing to work together as members of our own special community. As with any family, every individual, organization, and service has its own identity, and has dignity, purpose, and value. Tri-Ess, an organization for heterosexual crossdressers and their families, is an indispensable member of our family. As such, we have the obligation to do everything we can to help Tri-Ess fulfill its purpose. In return, Tri-Ess has an equal obligation to help IFGE fulfill its purpose. This is called cooperative action.

Let me give you just some of the ways IFGE and Tri-Ess are working together: IFGE's Winslow Street Fund provided a sizeable grant for the development of the Spouse's International Conference for Education (SPICE). IFGE and Tri-Ess (with AEGIS, the Outreach Institute, and Renaissance) are co-sponsoring a booth at the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) conference. Tri-Ess has invited the IFGE Board of Directors to hold their Fall meeting at Tri-Ess's Holiday En Femme, and IFGE has accepted. Eight members of IFGE's Board are members of Tri-Ess, and many members of IFGE serve on Tri-Ess's Board. The list goes on and on.

I'll tell you plain. I love Tri-Ess. I love it because of the leaders, workers, and educators it produces. I love it because it is an organization that is devoted to fulfilling its purpose, yet willing to work cooperatively with other organizations. That is exactly what I wish every organization and service in our community would do. I keep telling people how I feel about Tri-Ess and how IFGE supports Tri-Ess. I keep saying how important it is that the members of our community respect each other, and be able to work together. However, I also keep warning people that we have no chance of working together if we keep finding excuses to not work together. Even more important, we have no chance whatever of overcoming other people's bigotry if we can't overcome our own. If we cannot overcome our own prejudices and unwillingness to work together, the consequences are clear. Our lives will not improve, and neither will the lives of those people we are trying to help. You can imagine how frustrated I feel when people do not hear or understand the message. The authors of the two letters I mentioned earlier clearly did not understand.

As I said, IFGE's attitude towards Tri-Ess is one of love, respect, and cooperation. Unfortunately, we have no control over the attitudes of individuals. Apparently, an argument (or disagreement, or misunderstanding, or whatever) between a member of IFGE and a member of Tri-Ess is what prompted the first letter. Let me give you an idea of what it said. The entire letter was laced with a healthy supply of terms like "hate trip," "gender wars," "gender monsters," and "bigotry." Implanted in the middle of this venomous diatribe was the following: "I feel it is necessary to protest what appears to be IFGE's official policy that Tri-Ess is discriminatory, homophobic and intolerant of other members of the gender community." This person used a private dispute to accuse IFGE of calling Tri-Ess a bunch of homophobic bigots! I was absolutely stunned. There was unequivocally no truth to the accusation whatsoever, but I could see a tempest coming, and was powerless to stop it.

Sure enough, my fears were realized. That insidious letter found its way into the hands of both the Tri-Ess and the IFGE Boards of Directors. Suddenly the wires were hot with appeals for damage control. Despite our efforts, the ripple effect found its way into our respective memberships and beyond, causing old biases and fears to rear their ugly heads once again. What had started off as a disagreement between two individuals had suddenly escalated into a potentially destructive situation not only for both IFGE and Tri-Ess, but for our community as a whole. Thankfully, cool heads prevailed, apologies were made, and another crisis had passed (but not without a lot of Rolaids and aspirin).

The problem was not just with the letter, nor was it with the comments that prompted the letter. The real problem was the attitude that both the letter and the comments exhibited. Attitude! Trying to get people to overcome their anger, their fears, and their biases, and trying to get people to see the damage their anger and bigotry can cause can be so God-awful disheartening. Trying to get people to understand is like picking fist-fights with the fog. It's like painting a beautiful landscape on the sidewalk for all to see, only to have some blind fool with muddy boots walk through the middle of it.

We *must* accept the *responsibility* to CARE

As disconcerting and dangerous as the first letter was, the second one was even worse. Now, I'm a firm believer in the importance of political, social, and educational activism. After all, we are all advocates for something. Perhaps we are advocates for a happier safer world, or for the freedom of gender expression, or simply for the right to eat potato chips in bed. Actively pursuing an objective is how things get accomplished. However, I also believe there is nothing so dangerous as an activist that is in search of something to be an activist about, and is oblivious to the consequences of his or her actions. Messes get created that are almost impossible to clean up, and that is exactly what happened with the second letter.

The issue concerned the policy of the New Woman's Conference (NWC) being for post-operative male-to-female transsexuals (new women) only. The author of the letter wanted the NWC to be opened to all people who were self-identified as transsexual women, regardless of whether or not they have had surgery. The threat was that if NWC '94 was not open to all transsexual women, then a gang of transsexual activists was going to disrupt the event.

Before I tell you what the letter said, and the consequences of it, let me tell you a bit about the New Woman's Conference. The NWC was a lovely little event (less than 30 participants) founded by a group of educators and leaders who also happened to be new women. The purpose of the NWC was to celebrate the completion of what could arguably called the most profound transformation a human being could undergo. It was a private event for very special people to bond, to laugh, and cry, and share. The NWC came into existence because of the initiative and leadership of those new women, and because of the logistical and financial support of both the Outreach Institute and IFGE. The NWC came into existence because a special need was identified, and individuals, collaborating with our community as a whole, worked together to satisfy that need. The NWC was a magnificent example of what can happen if each individual works for the benefit of all, and all of us, as a community, work together for the benefit of each individual. As Alexandre Dumas so eloquently put it, "One for all, and all for one!"

Now, let's look at the rhetoric used in the second letter. (Keep in mind that the purpose of the letter was to get self-identified transsexual women who had not yet had surgery invited to the NWC.) "A storm is fast approaching our community, and its name is *'EXCLUSION.'*...By limiting diversity, we limit ourselves.... Stopping the discrimination of people because they are different is what the Human Rights movement is all about....Should they be turned away [speaking of those who intended to crash the party], it'll only deepen the rift in the community....The community is becoming annoyed with the elitist position taken by people who have had surgery....The

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It's Time For Your Medicine

by Dr. Sheila Kirk

What You Should Know About Breast Cancer

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This article is much more oriented to the women in your life. It deals with what truly is a women's disease. I speak of breast cancer, a vicious, perilous disease that takes 45,000 women from us each year and appears newly diagnosed in 190,000 women each year as well. It is a devastating disease and we don't know enough about it even though we have learned so very much. The incidence of breast cancer in men is less than 1% which amounts to about 900 new cases every year in the United States. The disease in both sexes is remarkably similar in terms of epidemiology, natural history and response to treatment. Even in the transgendered male taking hormones, there is no real evidence at this time to warrant suspicion that the incidence is any greater than it is in non-transgendered males. In one particular intersex chromosomal disorder affecting males called Kleinfelter's Disease, the incidence of breast cancer is the same as it is for genetic women, or perhaps a little greater. But this is a very uncommon condition and is far removed from consideration and concern in the ordinary genetic male.

The problem to be solved by intensive research is the real need to develop techniques for early diagnosis. While our current techniques are very worthwhile and are improving quite regularly, they still fall short. Survival rates are directly related to early diagnosis. The only really valuable techniques in diagnosis by and large are fine needle aspiration leading to open biopsy when indicated, and mammography. Even these techniques have deficits. Self-breast examination is very important as well. All women must do self-examination once each month, just after their menstrual period, and in a very special, prescribed way. But full- breasted women may not detect small tumors and may continue not to feel them until they grow to considerable size and have spread to the lymph nodes. Fine needle aspiration of a palpable tumor may yield fluid and cells that give a false negative.

It is perhaps fortunate that two-thirds of all malignancies of the breast occur in women who are 50 years and beyond. The diagnosis of malignancy, however, is considerably harder to make in women below the age of 50. Mammography in women below 50 is only about 68% efficient due to breast tissue changes that exist in those years and are not present after that age. Some researchers believe that all women below age 40 with a tumor in the breast should not have needle aspiration or mammography, but rather should be subjected immediately to open biopsy, which means a surgical incision and removal of the tumor. They believe, and rightly so, that biopsy and histologic evaluation is far more accurate. They cite as part of their reasoning that mammography will miss a malignancy in one out of ten women in that below-50 age group.

When we stage breast cancer as it is done to determine our efficiency in diagnosis and treatment, we are aware once again that earlier diagnoses have higher survival. The five-year survival of stage 0 cancers is 96.5%, and the ten-year survival is 87.7%. In stage I disease, the five-year survival drops down to 87.1%, and the ten-year survival rates drop to 71.6%. When we look at some studies wherein all stages 0-IV are evaluated, the overall five-year survival rate is 80.5%, and the ten-year survival is 63.8%, all modes of therapy considered. These figures are not the best, even though we believe we have come a great distance in diagnosis and treatment techniques.

What special things have we learned about the factors that can be part of the cause of this cancer? Firstly, there is excellent evidence that genetic factors are definitely a part of some cancers in some women. Special gene studies have confirmed the fact that a special defective gene is responsible for malignancy in some women and that they inherit this gene with intrauterine development and birth. But, this does not seem to account for the greater number of women so infected. In fact, only about 15% of women with breast

cancer come from families where breast cancer existed. This implies that defective gene inheritance may not be the most important factor, that possibly more important is the inheritance of a gene that in later life could become defective when influenced by a host of things in our environment. Many observations of diverse nature seem to indicate that this is so.

It is known that prolonged, or uninterrupted estrogen activity is associated with breast cancer development. Women who begin menstrual activities at young ages, for instance, 9 or 10 years of age, and those who menstruate well into their mid-50s are more liable to develop breast cancer. Women who are pregnant and develop breast cancer during the gestation experience a wild and fulminating cancer with quite high mortality. Pregnancy is a time when huge amounts of hormones are produced in the placenta, and circulate completely through the pregnant female. Women tend nowadays to delay their childbearing until the early 30s for many reasons. There is a four-fold increase in breast cancer development in these women when compared with women who have their first pregnancy before 18 years of age. Women who never have a pregnancy are also at greater risk.

Dietary factors are important, it seems. There is a correlation between incidence of breast cancer and diets high in fat and high also in fiber. If women would halve their fat intake each day, breast cancer cases in postmenopausal women would drop 10%. Studies indicate also that a diet high in fibrin, seems to be notably protective against breast cancer. Diets rich in Vitamin C cut the incidence as much as 16%, and vitamins A and D and Beta Carotene seem to be quite protective against the disease also.

In a similar way, women who are obese seem to have less protection against breast cancer. In studies dealing with recurrence rates in women having been diagnosed and receiving primary treatment, the return cancer rate was 32% of obese patients compared with 19% of normal weight women.

Looking at the influence of hormones once again, a large study reported that women currently on, or who had been on contraceptive medication were at increasing risk with increased duration of pill use, and very definitely women using the pill for four years or more were almost 80% more likely to develop the malignancy by age 50 than women never using the pill.

Estrogen

is associated with *breast cancer* development

The data regarding risk with hormone replacement therapy for peri- and postmenopausal women is not at all conclusive. As yet, there is no real hard data published by researchers that truly indicts replacement estrogen as a danger for breast cancer development. More important, the value of replacement therapy in protecting against heart disease in women is very definite in multiple studies, and warrants very strongly its continued use. It must always be kept in mind that heart disease is the number one killer of women 50 years and older. Hence, this cardioprotective value of estrogen is most important.

An earlier report from a five-year study of 16,000 women at Harvard University and the University of Wisconsin tells us that women who consume two drinks or more a day containing alcohol have a 50% increase in breast cancer risk compared with non drinkers. Three drinks a day can double the risk.

When one considers that in families wherein a mother, or a female sibling has breast cancer, the risk of developing cancer in other females is three times that in the rest of the female population—that fact alone should prompt women to self-examine and to have mammographic study as advised by their physician on a regular basis. The fact that a larger portion of the population also runs the risk with various other factors in everyday living must prompt all women to follow the directions given by cancer agencies and private physicians. Currently, there is controversy as to the value of yearly mammography in women below the age of 40. Clearly, those where there is family history, need mammographic examination yearly from the age of 35. There is also controversy as to whether or not yearly mammography should be done in the age group 40-49 years, but certainly yearly mammography is recommended for all women age 50 and beyond. There is no doubt, monthly examination, appropriately conducted, and X-ray studies when indicated, are important to provide early diagnosis for this very vicious disease.

I urge you to have patience with your doctor and the diagnostic team doing studies for you. Mammography is a very important tool, even though at times it may not be totally as efficient as we want it to be. A patient may be rescheduled for further evaluation and, in fact, be asked to return to the diagnostic center at three or six months to "really be sure." Don't despair and don't fear, even though it's very hard to wait that time for a definite answer. Continue to examine the breasts on a regular basis. The ability to become completely familiar with breast architecture after a short while of repeated examinations is very definite. These approaches are all-important in the attempt to diagnose fully and accurately. The disease is frightening, but very curable when diagnosis is complete and early.

Legal Briefs

by Phyllis Randolph Frye

Transgender Presence at Stonewall

As 1993 came to a close, it was painfully obvious that the transgender (and bisexual) community was again going to be excluded from the title of a major gay/lesbian/transgender/bisexual international event, this time the Stonewall 25 March to Affirm Human Rights, to be held in New York City on June 28, 1994.

Led by Phyllis Randolph Frye, the International Conference for Transgender Law and Employment Policy, Inc. (ICTLEP) began a six-month effort to educate the lesbian and gay community 1) that titular inclusion in such events was a necessity, 2) that "lesbian and gay" was not universally recognized to include "transgender (or bisexual)," and 3) that homosexual drags were also part of the transgender community and would receive similar discrimination as do heterosexual transgenders, even when "lesbian and gay" rights were secured. Frye asserted that she would lead a group of individuals into non-violent, civil disobedience during the event.

During the next months Frye and ICTLEP intentionally remained outside the Stonewall Committee processes with her promise of a non-violent educational protest, with her numerous articles in the queer media, and with her speeches around the country at both transgender and lesbian/gay events. Working with those processes were many, but most significant were Jessica Xavier and Jeffrey Pendleton from the Washington, DC area, and both Denise Norris and Ricki Anne Witchins from Transsexual Menace in New York City. Other significant advisors included Ray Hill (Chair of the 1979 March on Washington) and ICTLEP F-T-M Inclusion Coordinator, Aaron Davis. There were forceful position statements from the International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE) and the Congress of Transgender Organizations (CTO), both of which struck at the non-inclusion in the title of the Stonewall 25 event.

On Saturday, June 25, 1994, Frye and ICTLEP Director Sharon Stuart met with their New York City lawyer, Margo Diesenhouse. After a long discussion, Frye issued the following statement:

> After considering 1) the initial non-inclusion of the transgender community by the Stonewall 25 event; 2) the movement towards inclusion by the Stonewall 25 event since complaints formulated by ICTLEP beginning in January, 1994 and carrying through until this date; and especially 3) THE SENSE OF DISSATISFACTION WITH BEING EXCLUDED COMBINED WITH THE SENSE OF UNITY THAT THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY APPEARS TO NOW POSSESS; therefore, the International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy, Inc. calls for an end to the planned non-violent civil disobedience that it initiated for the purpose of education.
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> ICTLEP invites all—transgender (including bisexual and drag), bisexual, gay, lesbian, and supporting straight—to support and attend its Third Annual Conference—TRANSGEN'94: YOUR JOBS, YOUR RIGHTS, YOUR HEALTH, AND YOUR DOCUMENTS—in Houston, Texas USA, 17 through 21 August, 1994. We remind the drag part of the transgender community that unless rights are achieved for "gender identification," that they will be discriminated against as are the heterosexual transgendered, once lesbian and gay rights are achieved.
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> The transgendered were in the concentration camps and wore the pink triangles and were exterminated with lesbians and gays and bisexuals. The transgendered were also at Stonewall in significant numbers, and fought back along with lesbians and gays and bisexuals.
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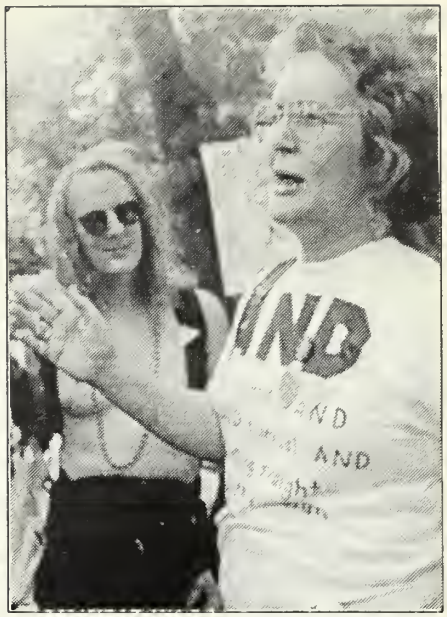
> To my lesbian, gay and bisexual sisters and brothers, we say don't steal our history, and don't leave us behind. We will not stand for it!



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Sunday, June 28th was a beautiful day. The participants assembled within a forty-two block area—so many people that even though the

march began at 11 AM, the last groups did not enter the parade route until after 4 PM. The transgender marchers assembled in four different areas (another Stonewall Committee screw up to divide us): one for drag, one for TG/drag parents/children, one for TG/drag political, and one for transgender specific.

Eerily, at 3 PM, the whistles, bands, loudspeakers, yelling and other noise subsided over about fifteen seconds, and then stopped—a moment of silence honoring those who have died because of the "tyranny of the majority"—dead quiet in Manhattan for a full two minutes. Then the deafening noise and celebration began again, and the march continued into Central Park.

There were 6,500 police there. No arrests were made.

The transgender community (and its overt sign-carrying supporters) was very large. When spread out over the

Don't *steal* our history
Don't *leave us* behind

parade route, the drags alone covered four blocks, the TG/drag parents/children covered a block, and the TG/drag political spread past a block. The transgender specifics and those overtly including transgender in their banners strung out over twelve full blocks during the march. The transgender specifics carried over twelve banners of their own, from Transgender Rights (TGR), Transgender Nation (TN), the Monmouth Ocean TG Group (MOTG) and other local and regional TG support groups. The lead banner, reading TRANSGENDERED AND PROUD AND WE VOTE! also led the transgender contingent in Washington in the 1993 March on Washington, DC. Following the TG specifics were Leslie Feinberg and the Workers' World Party which overtly included transgender in its banners. Next came the *Rocky Horror Picture Show* crossdressers. Finally came the Band which had amended its banner to include the term transgender.

If placed together, all transgendered *and those overtly inclusive of transgender in their banners* would have covered over eighteen blocks of marchers. THEREFORE, THE TRANSGENDERED (AND BI-SEXUAL) ARE DESERVING OF TITULAR RECOGNITION IN *ALL* FUTURE EVENTS.

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Electrology

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Do You Have The Best Looking Eyebrows?

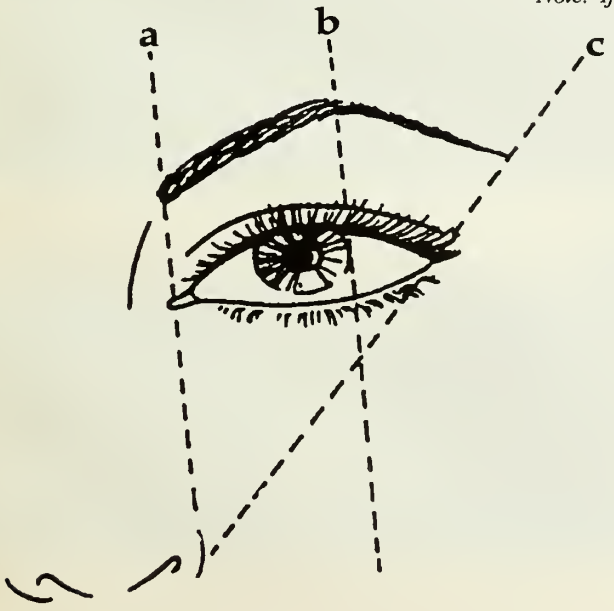
Your eyebrows tell it all!

When people talk to you, they look at your eyes and gaze intently at your eyebrows. Well shaped eyebrows add more character to the face. Individuals have developed different shapes for their eyebrows. Many attractive celebrities, like Cindy Crawford and Elizabeth Taylor, have well shaped and distinctive eyebrows.

Eyebrows accentuate the eyes. Back in the 1940s, it was vogue and sophisticated to shave off the eyebrow completely, and then pencil in an eyebrow of whatever shape was desired. This technique is outdated, and I strongly oppose this type of treatment.

Besides accentuating the eyes, eyebrows help to set the expression of the face. Furthermore, well shaped eyebrows add more balance to the face. Eyebrows that look heavy and are close together may make you look as if you are frowning. You can significantly change your facial appearance simply by reshaping your brows.

The diagram below shows how to determine the ideal size and shape of your brows. Here are the instructions to guide you:



A. Align a pencil from the inner corner of the eye to the side of the nose. The inside end of the eyebrow should begin at the pencil. Hair growing between these two points should be removed.

B. The pencil is placed vertically so it passes across the edge of the iris of the eye. Where the pencil crosses the brow should be the highest point (arch) of the brow.

C. The pencil is held from the corner of the nose on a line that passes the outer corner of the eye. This will determine the maximum length of the outward taper of the brow.

Note: If you have close-set eyes, then remove hair over the tear duct rather than over the corner of the eyes. The amount of hair removed may be only one or two millimeters. Widening the space between the brows will seem to widen the space between the eyes.

If you have wide-set eyes, then let the inside of the brows extend a few millimeters beyond the corners of the eyes. Having a smaller distance between the brows will seem to pull the eyes closer together.

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The hair in the eyebrows can vary from being very coarse to very fine. Besides having variations in the hair texture, individuals may encounter problems with their hair. One well known condition, folliculitis, causes inflammation of the hair follicle. Another problem you may experience is ingrown hair which you may have acquired from previous hair removal treatments.

If you are experiencing problems with the hair on your eyebrows, or you want to improve your eyebrows' appearance, then I recommend that you consider either temporary or permanent hair removal.

Temporary hair removal includes continuous plucking, waxing, trimming, or shaving of the hair on your eyebrows. On the other hand, permanent hair removal, which is referred to as "electrolysis," requires you to invest only a short amount of time to remove hair from your eyebrows.

If you choose electrolysis, you must adhere to a rigid schedule to achieve "optimal results" very rapidly. If you decide on temporary hair removal, then you will need to wait one to three months for all your hairs to grow back before you can shape your eyebrows again.

Just what is a "short amount of time"? To remove superfluous hair permanently by the thermolysis, which is the short wave method of electrolysis, an average eyebrow treatment takes up to eighteen months, or slightly longer for completion. This time period depends on the experience level of the electrologist, and the degree of trauma that the patient may have suffered from previous temporary hair removal treatments.

A virgin eyebrow with a medium amount of hair that has never been plucked or touched could be finished in as little time as a year by the thermolysis method. Otherwise, the treatment may take longer if this eyebrow is coarse and if it has thick, dense hair. If you decide on using the blend method of electrolysis, the treatment may take longer to complete because this modality is slower, but still quite effective. Keep in mind that the first three months of electrolysis treatments are the worst. During this time I recommend that you be patient. Allow all the plucked or waxed hairs to regrow from the dermal papilla (root) to the skin surface.

Eyebrow follicles are short, even though the hair may be of medium or coarse texture. Coarse hairs tend to grow at a faster rate, while finer hairs tend to grow slower.

If you have hair plucked everyday, or if you have wax treatment, you could experience edema (fluid brought to the area caused by the trauma to the skin) and experience puffiness for a long time. The puffiness continues if you keep plucking or waxing your eyebrows. In my experience, during these first three months, some of my patients complain that their eyebrows appear messy, itchy, red, or swollen. This could be from ingrown hair caused by plucking or waxing. During this time period, you must demonstrate great discipline and patience.

THE EYES HAVE IT! (Top to Bottom, Left to Right)
FIG.1 - SURPRISED LOOK,too thin, too arched
FIG.2 - Great Final Look
FIG.3 - Permanent Eyebrow Liner & Permanent Eyeliner
FIG.4 - Cleaned Up Stray Hairs leaving Eyebrow Full
FIG.5 - BEFORE: Strays In Middle FIG.6 - AFTER :
FIG.7 - BEFORE: Strays In Middle and Underneath Eyebrow
FIG.8 - AFTER: FIG.9 - Shaped Eyebrow
FIG.10- A GREAT FINAL LOOK

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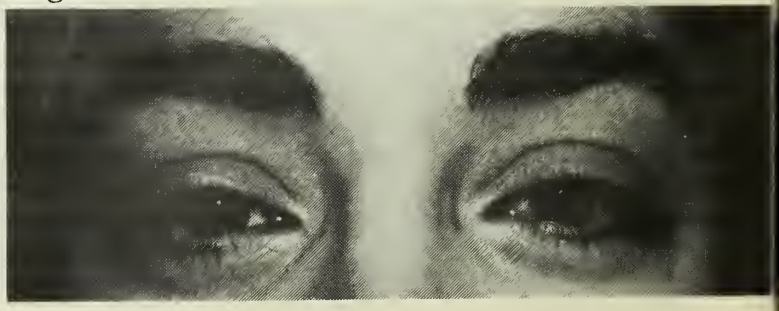

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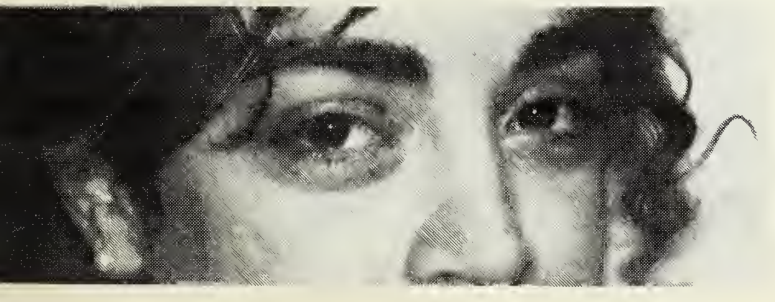

Again, decide what technique you want, temporary or permanent. If you can't decide which way to go, visit people who are trained in shaping eyebrows. These specialists include electrologists, estheticians (skin care), cosmetologists (hair care), professional makeup artists, and fashion consultants. If you choose to have electrolysis, you and your skilled practitioner should work together to create your desired look.

If you choose to use temporary hair removal methods, here are some helpful hints:

1. Find a picture of a desired eyebrow in a fashion magazine. This picture may provide you useful information of what shape you want for your eyebrows. In some cases, the picture you have selected may not be like your own shaped eyebrows.

2. Keep eyebrows as natural as possible.

3. Remove stray hairs between and underneath, the eyebrow. Do this hair removal one by one, slowly, and be *very careful.* One wrong plucked hair could throw off the whole look.

4. Do not remove hair from the top of the eyebrow. This area is important for the arched shape. In some cases, the eyebrows are too full on the top. Normally, we do not touch these hairs on the arch to give a soft, youthful, natural appearance. If the arch is coarse and looks too full, I have sometimes gradually thinned out the top to reduce hypertrichosis (excess hair).

If you pluck the eyebrows, the hair will grow back. Once you have found your desired shape for the eyebrows, and once the hairs regrow, then you can continue plucking, or you can switch to electrolysis for permanent results.

If you seek electrolysis, here is a schedule guide for you.

If you pluck two times or more a week to maintain the desired look, most likely you will need two short visits (15 min. to ½hr.) a week to the electrologist. This schedule is necessary for the first few months, or until you see the hairs growing in finer and more slowly. From a twice-weekly appointment, taper off to once a week, then every two weeks, etc. The process of hair growth goes from coarse to medium to fine, then gone.

I find the most gratifying and successful electrolysis treatments are done in a gradual thinning process. This gradual process works out well for the patients because they are confident that no one will notice that they are undergoing these treatments.

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origin of this caste system is a construct perpetrated upon us by the doctors and the Benjamin Standards of Care....We are responsible for the perpetuation of this classism and now must pay the bill of Post-Op Elitism....When an empowered group of people excludes a disempowered group, it's called discrimination....Let's stop dividing ourselves."

Oh, the poor NWC! It is now accused of being exclusionary, of limiting diversity, and of being discriminatory. It was accused of causing a rift in the community, of being classist, and elitist. Caste system? Classist and elitist? It sounded like text from *The Communist Manifesto.* That stinker of a letter was written to get a reaction. It succeeded admirably, although the reaction was probably not the one the author had hoped for. There were a few people who supported the letter, but for the most part it caused an explosion of anger and defiance. It caused a rift within the NWC as well as among the transsexual activists. By making the NWC an object of political controversy, it damaged the NWC's ability to fulfill its purpose. By creating an atmosphere of confrontation, it not only damaged the transsexual community's ability to work together, it damaged the ability of our community as a whole to work together. In turn, the ripple effect damaged the ability of our community to work with other communities. It has created an ugly atmosphere of conflict and distrust, rather than cooperation. The real tragedy of all this is that I sincerely believe the author was trying to do the right thing. The lesson to be learned is, those who use this kind of rhetoric to warn us of a possible rift in the community, can usually find a way to make it happen. The author of this letter has succeeded in making it happen.

Another problem was that the author's idea of community consisted exclusively of self-identified male-to-female transsexuals. That effectively eliminated female-to-male transsexuals. It also eliminated those who were not transsexuals, those who didn't have any idea who or what they were, and those who may be eligible but didn't wish to be identified with such a community. It's difficult to be more exclusionary, discriminatory and elitist than that. There is a word for those who advocate for inclusion but practice exclusion. It's called hypocrisy. There is another word for those who advocate for inclusion for organizations and events that can only be effective if they remain exclusive. It's called irresponsible. No organization and no event can be all things to all people, least of all the New Woman's Conference.

The last, and perhaps the greatest problem is the rhetoric itself. It is the same kind of language that has been used to attack Tri-Ess, and IFGE, and the Holiday En Femme, and the Coming Together Convention. It is the same kind of language that has been used to attack every community, sub-community, group, service, or event that caters to a specific group of people, or a specific need. It is the same kind of rhetoric that is pandemic in our community, in our communications, and our newsletters. It is the same kind of rhetoric used in the first letter.

Both letters briefly hinted at the benefits of unity and cooperation. That's nice. Then, between those sparsely used niceties, both authors became overwhelmed by their own hotheaded magniloquence. They let their passions overcome their common sense, and they spewed out the kind of reckless jargon that makes people angry and defensive, and makes unity and cooperation impossible.

The words "exclusionary" and "discriminatory" were used as though they were the same thing, and then IFGE, Tri-Ess, and the NWC were criticized on that basis. These words do not mean the same thing. Exclusionary means separate, or apart, and discriminatory means prejudice, or bigotry. Both Tri-Ess and the NWC cater to a specific group of people in our community. Of course they are exclusionary. They are also selective. If they weren't, they wouldn't be effective. Because they are exclusionary and selective does not make them bad people. That does not make them prejudiced, bigoted, homophobic, classist, elitist, chauvinistic, or any other negative adjective you can think of. It simply allows them to fulfill their purpose.

The leaders, members, and participants of Tri-Ess and the NWC are good people fulfilling a specific need. I would even go so far as to say the authors of these two letters are both good and well-intentioned people. I just don't think they fully realized the damage they could do. For that matter, I don't think any of us truly realizes the damage we can do when we let our passions and our biases get the better of us. When will we ever learn? Perhaps never. In that case, the best we can do is hang our heads and say, "Forgive us, for we know not what we do."

Every one of us is an individual with different interests, and different needs. We are all bound to have our own opinions, and have misunderstandings, and bouts of anger and defiance. However, if we build a solid foundation, a strong sense of family, we can build on the good and survive the bad. We can tend to our own needs and allow others to tend to their needs without ever feeling abandoned or excluded.

We can always feel that we are part of something that is greater than ourselves, something that will always be there for us. We can acknowledge that there will be disagreements, misunderstandings, and squabbles. But we can survive. After all, it's all in the family.

by Dr. Carl W. Bushong

INFORMED CHOICE

Finding Help In The Professional Jungle

Today there is a growing spirit of inclusion and cooperation within the gender community, along with those of differing sexual orientation. The gender dysphoric are no longer confined to narrow "lose-lose" solutions, but have a large number of choices. The general public has become aware of gender dysphoria's existence, if only being partially accepting, through tuning into television talk shows, through the general media, and entertainment. The gender community is still in its adolescence, and is faced with a new set of problems. These are problems of understanding, communication, and choice; the latter being what should be considered "informed decision making."

Being a psychotherapist and working with the gender community, primarily in Tampa, Florida, I have made some interesting observations. I believe conditions in Florida reflect conditions in the USA as a whole.

The first and foremost issue is a general lack of understanding within the professional community. There is still too much ignorance and misinformation present in the professional community of psychotherapists, psychiatrists, endocrinologists, general medical practitioners, and even with hospitals, and general health and mental health help lines and organizations. But thanks, to the excellent work being done by the gender information organizations, this wall of ignorance is slowly beginning to crumble.

The confusion between gender identity and sexual orientation is still there, and a large percentage of professionals still feel gender dysphoria can be "cured or fixed." The typical viewpoint is to become normal; the "therapeutic" goal is to learn to be like most other individuals, no matter what harm or burden is imposed. While gender dysphoria is not normal (something *most* people do or have), it is *natural,* and not learned or "chosen."

But, as harmful as these misunderstandings may be, I believe a far greater danger may come from practitioners who present themselves as caring and helping by way of dispensing hormones and surgical intervention without any guidelines. The proper sequence of procedures or access to information and choices available which make for the many adjustments and changes (physical, psychological, emotional, social, and legal) to become a whole "new woman (or man)" ARE NOT made available to their clients. All too often individuals in transition, or for that matter who feel they "have arrived," become a collection of disparate traits and cosmetic changes instead of a complete package. Naturally, some individuals are stubborn and refuse to accept any guidance and support. But the real culprits that keep many from achieving their best are the treating professionals themselves.

At first glance one may feel that this client awareness should be brought about from the mental health provider, and the specialty providers should only do what they do best. Unfortunately, there are primary care physicians working in the gender community who are content to dispense hormones without any care about the consequences to their patient clientele, and surgeons who also intervene without care of the consequences.

Many times providers remain ill informed outside of their own specialty, or worse, remain uncaring and expect the transgendered clients to fend for themselves. These practitioners never aid or foster an informed consumer's mind-set. Whose best interest is served when a specialty provider is unprepared to provide the client with the broad-based understanding needed to make the proper choice?

If an individual happens upon "professionals" who offer no guidance or sense of priority while dispensing hormones, or SRS with little or no life-style preparation—a disaster may be in store. The individual's future happiness is threatened when the outcome of such "professional" intervention may be a bearded, baritone post-op lady with large breast implants but little or no training or understanding of how to walk, talk, or sit, let alone a strong sense of "female-self."

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The Tampa Stress Center, Inc. and the American Educational Gender Information Service (AEGIS) are co-sponsoring a two-day workshop for health care professionals and members of the gender community at the Marriott Hotel at Tampa International Airport on Friday and Saturday, November 18-19, 1994. Presenters will be: Philip G. Boysen, MD; Carl W. Bushong, PhD, LMFT, LMHC; Dallas Denny, MA; Eugene A. Schrang, MD; Barbara Warren, PsyD; and Kimberly Westwood, CCE. Contact the Tampa Stress Center, P O Box 273107, Tampa FL 33688-3107, ☎ (813) 884-7835.

As the gender community grows, many people function fully within this microcosm. While a sense of community is important, being part of mainstream society is also important. Too often the quick-fix mentality can be contagious, pushing others toward medical, surgical and life-style changes that would not be considered appropriate—at least in the particular sequence suggested, leaving individuals to stick together in a small world of their own—and influence others along the same path.

In an area such as gender dysphoria, where myth and ignorance often exceed knowledge within the professional community, it is only expected that the lay persons in need should be confused, frustrated, angry, and uninformed. Those who are gender dysphoric often begin life feeling as if they are the only person in the world to have such a problem; that something is wrong with them—and not just in society's view. When they at last try to be themselves, to throw off sometimes decades of deception, frustration, and denial, they are often angry and resentful. So much of their life is felt to be "lost," and naturally there is an eagerness to get on with their "new self," right now!

Unfortunately, many in the gender community have collected a lot of "excess baggage" in the form of a marriage, family, children, and educational/professional development that doesn't properly translate to their desired gender status. And, just like society as a whole, the gender dysphoric individual may focus far too much on the physical aspects of gender, down-playing or even missing the mental, behavioral, social and emotional aspects.

When it comes to gender, our culture is genitally obsessed. What's between your legs and on your chest determines your gender (sex). Body form and plumbing are all our society sees and therefore all the gender dysphoric may think of. The most important service a professional can give the gender dysphoric individual is to provide the knowledge, support and resources needed for a series of "*informed choices*" as to what, how, and where their transformation will take them.

We in the mental health profession are so comfortable with figuratively placing people in little boxes with

This WALL of *ignoranace* is beginning to *crumble*

neat labels on top such as "primary transsexual, secondary transsexual, crossdresser, etc." *The truth is, we are all in a classification of one: ourselves.*

In my opinion, a psychotherapist's role is to be a helper, a teacher, and a guide. To help the transgendered with those areas and conflicts resulting from a lifetime of living a double life, one inside, or hidden from others, and a different one out in public. The therapist needs to be a teacher in making available all the accumulated knowledge, skills, and choices one has as well as clearing away the myths, lies and misinformation. And, as a guide, the therapist aids the client through the social, legal, medical and emotional mine fields toward their "new self."

Quality gender based services are becoming increasingly available, although they are still geographically spotty. While some regions of the country are very "gender knowledgeable," while others are not so gifted. Even in areas with minimal professional services available, the dynamism that a conscientious and self-aware gender support group can provide is tremendous. But sometimes self-help groups can be counter-productive, if the blind are leading the blind. Group knowledge, resources, and a desire for personal growth are essential.

The rigid, arrogant, we-know-what's-best-for-you gender clinics and hospitals of the past are obviously not the way, and individuals need to be more in control of their lives and bodies. And while the transgendered now can take a long overdue control of their destiny, one should keep in mind that success is heightened by "*informed choice*," not just by choice.

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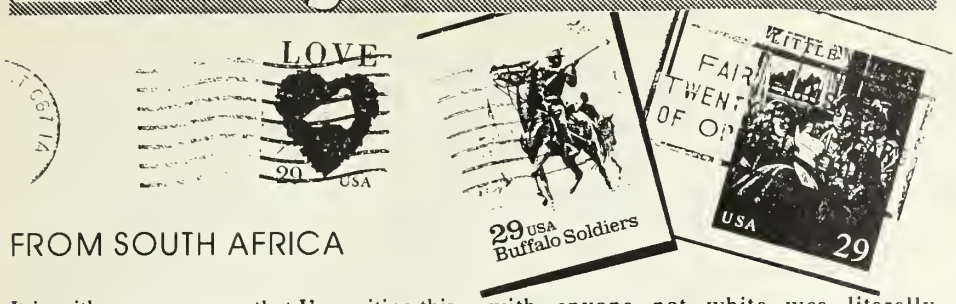

FROM SOUTH AFRICA

It is with grave concern that I'm writing this letter. I have, through recent issues of *Tapestry* and *Renaissance News* noted the increased activity of the Religious Right and their attempts to force their insane way of thinking on the transgender and gay communities in the USA.

To understand my concern for your predicament, I have to relate a bit of personal and South African history. I was born in 1945, 18 months before the Nationalist Government came into power. I have lived my entire life under the Apartheid regime, and feel myself eminently qualified to issue some warnings to you folks over there.

The Nationalist government was started in conjunction with an organization called the Broederbond (Brother bond). This organization infiltrated every sphere of our lives. Our schooling was controlled by them. They even rewrote the South African history (totally false and twisted) taught to us in school to conform to their ideals. The only mention of blacks in my school history was of a derogatory nature. They were always the villains, the bad guys! Due to us being forced to live in a segregated system from them, we were never in any position to hear their side of the story. The Broederbond also had full control of the Afrikaans Church, and actively twisted the Bible to bring us under the absolute conviction that Apartheid was biblically correct.

These were the circumstances under which I grew up and under which I received all my initial training and schooling. You might ask how come I'm not racist. The fact is I have witnessed first hand the misery caused by a system which utterly and completely robs you of your most basic human right and controls every facet of your life.

Since the elections a few weeks ago we now see magazines like *Playboy*, *Penthouse*, etc., on the bookshelf. It is strange. Our previous regime controlled not only your life, but also how you thought about sex, how you thought about the church, marriage, and who you associate with. Association on any level with anyone not white was literally prohibited. It was so bad that to not vote for the Nationalist party was supposed to be a sin in the eyes of God.

So what about different thinking people like myself? Well, some years ago the S.A. Police invaded my home, turned the place upside down, terrorized my wife and my 70 year old mother, and interrogated me for all it was worth. This treatment was dished out in the middle of the night and lasted for some three hours, all because I started Phoenix Society.

I give you the above as an example of what could happen in the USA if the Religious Right gets their way.

It is interesting to note that the last act of suppression the old government did was to stop all sex reassignment surgery (SRS), and the first thing the new (ANC) government did was to reinstate it. Not only did they reinstate it, it came complete with a new set of laws for transsexuals which makes our country's laws regarding TSs the most liberal in the world. Also note that we now have the *ONLY* Bill of Rights in the world to prohibit any form of discrimination against homosexuals. The gay and lesbian movement in this country celebrated this fact with one hell of a party during the 25th anniversary of Stonewall.

We, the Phoenix Society, did try (unsuccessfully) to get the term *trans-gendered* included in the Bill of Rights. The feeling was that we (the transgendered) were also covered with the entry regarding women and homosexuals. We are still working on it.

The purpose of this letter is to warn you what could happen, even in the USA. Fight the Religious Right with all the power you can muster. I call on all Americans, transgendered or straight, to support this fight. I can assure you from a lifetime's worth of personal experience, that you have no idea what could happen if this group gains any sort of control, especially if they force their way into top government.

IMPORTANT: Send your issue-oriented letters, comments and opinions to: *Tapestry* Mailbag, P.O. Box 367, Wayland MA 01778-0367 USA. Be sure to include your ZIP+4 code with all your correspondence, please! [E-MAIL] Internet:**IFGE@WORLD. STD.**

We in South Africa are free at last, after 48 years of complete suppression. Don't let this happen in the USA.

Love and concern,

Diane Knoetze
P.O. Box 6433
Parow-East, 7501
South Africa

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CORRECTIONS:

Both in the Table of Contents and in From the Editor's Desk in issue #68, the article, *Remember to Forget,* by Melanie Anne Phillips, was incorrectly credited to Susan C.

In the caption under her picture, Marsha Botzer of the Ingersoll Gender Center, Seattle, Washington, was inadvertently transferred to the Montgomery Institute, Decatur, Georgia.

DISPUTE OVER REAL LIFE TEST

You may publish this letter in the *Tapestry*. Of course, since my perspective disputes the "sacred orthodoxy" of the "transsexual establishment," which includes the leadership of IFGE, I do not anticipate serious consideration for my submissions.

To **Ellen Goodman**, Boston Globe
Re: Ellen's column regarding the Dee Farmer Case

Your column invites commendation, appreciation, and further comment. A civilized society which punishes rape committed outside prisons, cannot justify tolerance of such assaults within its prisons. The case of Dee Farmer brings attention to yet another aspect of societal abuse of transsexuals.

For some transsexuals, including myself and perhaps Dee Farmer, grief arises from the tyranny of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association (HBIGDA), which controls the treatment of transsexuals. The HBIGDA dictates that a pre-operative transsexual must live in the intended role for 12 to 15 months (the real-life test) prior to surgery. This presents a significant risk to some of us. I suspect that this requirement may have contributed to the agony of Dee Farmer. Perhaps, in the absence of this requirement, Dee Farmer could have completed gender reassignment prior to sentencing.

During the real-life test, a risk lies in the use of public restrooms. While some pre-ops may pass well as women, others may have some difficulty. The police may arrest a pre-op on the complaint of another patron. If the arrest occurs after 5pm on Friday, she may be detained over the weekend in the men's jail. Like Dee Farmer, the offending TS may be exposed to unwanted rape and to infection with HIV.

The danger exists only during the real-life test dictated by the tyranny of the HBIGDA. Although I have repeatedly argued this point with my therapist and with other experts, the dictate remains in force.

Cheryl B.
(MN)

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HAPPINESS VS. MISERY?

I really felt good reading the letter to the editor from Alice, Jon's (the 14 year-old crossdresser's) mom, and the letter from Toby's (Suzanne's) grandmother. I also enjoyed very much the article by Dr. Lee Reynolds on the positive acceptance of her daughters.

At the same time I wish to urge some caution for the hetero TVs like myself who are hearing all the advice to tell their wives. I told my wife seven years ago and have suffered from unimaginable mental cruelty and degradation. I know what many of you are saying as you read these words, and that what many of you are thinking will not be kind to me.

I've heard it before on the help lines, "Just get a divorce and get it over with! Be true to your own feelings! Don't let them shame you!" All great sentiments, but if you love your kids and want to keep your marriage intact, which set of happiness vs. misery do you want? In point of fact, I do still love my wife very much, in spite of many things I do not agree with at all, such as her forced outing of me to my parents, and her threats to out me to my kids. I know that my wife's hostility comes from her inability to understand my inner feelings and my motivations.

Are most marriages better off if crossdressing is revealed? I'll let an expert other than me answer that. A case can be made for the assertion that in some marriages, admission of transgendered behavior of any kind is crippling, because of the cultural hang-ups that make our society go round and round. In my case, counseling has only reinforced my own shame and insecurity. I'm sure that in "accepting" marriages, this type of communication is just wonderful. In other relationships, it's not so good, and may create a really difficult-to-solve crisis.

I hope all writers and those manning help lines will be circumspect and supportive both of those who are timid about talking to their wives, as well as toward those unfortunates like myself for whom it has been fairly close to a disaster.

Sincerely,

Julie (Texas)

In the brochure for the Wives' Support Group of the Tiffany Club there are five excellent questions. They require that both partners of any couple be able to answer either a positive yes or a strong maybe to all five questions before joining their group. I recommend all couples take a good hard look at these questions. If either of you cannot answer with either a yes or a positive maybe to any of these questions, then the real roots of your problems lie elsewhere, and your marriage is headed for a very rocky road:

(1) Do you want your marriage to work?

(2) Are you willing to work for it?

(3) If you are having problems, are you willing to acknowledge that crossdressing is not in and of itself the problem?

(4) Are you willing to consider and respect your partner's feelings and needs?

*(5) Are you willing to make those compromises necessary to enable your marriage to survive? —**MSL***

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MERISSA ON MONTEL

I was somewhat pleased to see Merissa Lynn on the *Montel Williams Show* recently. Pleased to have had the opportunity to see Merissa, of course; but wished she could have been a guest on a show dealing with a more positive aspect of crossdressing/transsexualism. I know that the platform of the tabloid interview programs really works against a serious treatment of the subjects, but there have been several over the last few years. I would have liked to have seen Merissa have the chance to add something worthwhile on the subject from her experience with the IFGE, but the petty childishness that the show degenerated into really mitigated against it. I hope I have the opportunity to hear and see her again when the circumstances are more favorable.

Cathy (Texas)

The show was about four sadistic lesbians who were in jail for beating up a masochistic pre-op transsexual because she had a 67-year old boyfriend who had a severely homophobic grandson. It was tabloid programming at its best, and I was the token sane person. As silly as that show was, it still generated over 500 inquiries at the IFGE office. I will go on shows dumber than that if I think I can reach out to and help people. However, I absolutely agree that we need to do something about getting better programs out there. We're working on it. —MSL

TO THE SISTER WHO HUNG UP ON ME:

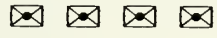
I would have been very glad to talk to you. I know when you telephoned you were reaching out to find someone who you had something in common with, someone who understood, someone who wouldn't laugh or make fun of your love for dressing like the opposite sex, someone who could be a friend. I know you were very nervous or afraid. You had never talked to another crossdresser before in your life. You didn't know what to say really, but I know you need a friend, a friend to whom you could talk about "it." I could be that friend.

Maybe you were expecting a feminine voice, and the sound of a male voice scared you off. Most of us don't have a female voice. It's just something you have to get used to. I do hope you'll call again, and this time, let's talk. You have absolutely nothing to be afraid of! There's no way I can tell who you are or where you're calling from. You can just talk to me, ask questions, or whatever you want to talk about. You don't have to be afraid. Remember, we are all in this together. We must stick together. We must be friends. And, in a real sense, we are sisters in the crossdressing world. We need each other.

So, I'm hoping you'll call again and try to relax and talk to me and we can be friends. Just the fact you tried to talk to me once tells me you believe you need a "sister" friend. Won't you let it be me?

Danielle
Mu Sigma, Memphis
(Reprinted from the June edition of *Ms Cotton Belle*, published by the Mu Sigma Chapter of Tri-Ess, P O Box 61, Jonesboro, AR 72403.)

This beautiful message is not only for those who are struggling to find the courage to find others like themselves, but for all those who are trying to reach out to others in a kind and supportive way. Thank you, Danielle, for your patience, and your compassion. —MSL



COLOR SCHEMES

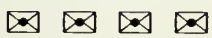
It was with great interest that I read Jessica Brandon's article, "Color Scheme" in Issue #67. When I attended Southern Comfort last fall, I met only two other African Americans there, and they both said that they were disappointed in the lack of ethnic diversity present. We were extremely outnumbered, and there is no logical reason for that. It boggles my mind that in Atlanta, a city with a large African American community with a rich history and tradition, there were only three of us in attendance.

In the past, economic arguments have often been raised about the lack of ethnic diversity within support groups, but the African American community has long had its affluent members who could afford two wardrobes and to travel to conventions. The number of potentially active members is increasing as the racial barriers to economic equality are lowered, and yet we are barely visible. While cultural arguments also have some validity, African Americans are not the only ethnic group that encourages strong male role models.

Besides myself, I know of only one other African American who even leads a transgender support group, although it is possible there are others out there that I have not yet met. The lack of visible ethnic diversity within the transgender community is a disturbing one to me, and I hope that all who talk about inclusion are striving to achieve this goal in all forms.

Sincerely,

Marisa Richmond
Board Chair
Tennessee Vals



IF YOU WRITE TO IFGE FOR INFORMATION:

Initial requests for information usually are sent a list of publications available from IFGE, an addressed return envelope, a referral to nearby support groups or clubs, and, if mentioned, information on crossdressing or transsexual tendencies.

If you seek additional information, be sure to enclose a self-addressed and stamped (if you are in the USA) envelope large enough and with enough postage on it to get what you want back to you, probably a #10 envelope with $.52 postage. This maximizes your chances for a speedy reply. If your question(s) are answered in the publications list, *Tapestry*, or the Standards of Care, we suggest you read those again.

CRUEL INITIATION

I just received issue #68 today. I started at the front cover and quickly reached Merissa's article, *The Cruel Initiative.*

I suggest that an addition be made to the Washington State initiative. In paragraph five, and everywhere else there is a list of sexualities, insert "heterosexuality," or its appropriate conjugate. This is a meld of the article's paragraph three on substitution and the atheists' maneuver, so successfully staged, of replacing freedom *of* religion with freedom *from* religion.

I admit to preferring guerrilla tactics to being front line infantry. I also recall General Patton studied the writings of Field Marshal Rommel. I don't agree with the atheists, and I disagree with some of Merissa's positions also, but I am willing to learn from anyone.

I would also expand the trick with Merissa's words. Add religion, race, sex and national origin to the formal initiative. If we are going to deny our children part of an education, lets deny them the whole thing. In debate, elevate things to the proper level of absurdity. Include math, grammar, history and writing. Perhaps the wind can be pulled from the sails in a reasonable public debate, even if the initiative is unreasonable.

Good Luck.

Kelly S. (Texas)

THROWING STONES

I am writing in response to the article *Stonewalled* by Phyllis Frye (*Tapestry* #67, p. 30).

Ms Frye screams, "Yuppie gays and yuppie lesbians are dragging the transgendered from their rightful place in history." She makes false claims saying, "The transgendered made the Stonewall incident happen 25 years ago," and then threatens the Stonewall organizers saying, "My people are fixing to do battle with you." This is sheer lunacy! Ms Frye desperately needs to grow up!

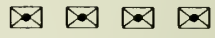
JUST A NOTE OF THANKS

This comes from the depths of my heart. When I found your magazine last year, I just wanted to read it. However, I started reading your issue #61, and couldn't put it down. I was amazed there was a great world outside my closet. I peeked out and looked around to find nothing had changed, at least on the outside, but inside I had a great love for what I saw and read.

When I went back to my bookstore for my next issue, I found the bookstore had an intentional purging of "questionable" publications, and yours was one. I was denied my *Tapestry,* and I was alone once more. I was not only mad, I was ready to scream. Apparently, the *Tapestry* was particularly vulnerable to shoplifting. That, plus being placed near the men's magazines, and other items teenagers loved to remove from the shelves, prompted the bookstore's decision. I was so mad I wasn't going back to this news parlor, and I wanted to complain, and scream about censorship, my rights, and most of all my freedoms I fought for. However, when I went back to the news parlor, there was Issue #63. I couldn't wait to start reading it.

So, I am very glad to say I enjoy your publication very much, and what it gives to us. It rings true when I read about someone else's problems and how they relate to me. At times I wish the *Tapestry* wasn't in a "gray area" of life, where it would be on the shelves with other great publications, and be treated like anything else. It bothers me that life doesn't take some of the lessons your writers give, and take them to heart, especially putting your mind and body together and making your mind's eye see the right vision, of a whole self.

Jamie H.



When was the last time any of us spoke of our own very colorful heritage?

How often has our community been discussed with unabashed pride?

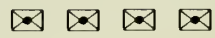
This is no time to attack the gay and lesbian community. In fact, we would do well to learn from their example. They have established their own separate group identities, they have learned to honor their own heritage, and they have formulated a community pride that is virtually absent in our midst.

When was the last time any of us spoke of our own very colorful heritage? How often has our community been discussed with unabashed pride? How many of us even bother to explore crucial issues, like heritage and agenda, that connect people together? We have no right to usurp the gay and lesbian heritage. We must celebrate our own!

Ms Frye does not speak for me. I want no part of her hollow threats and babyish tantrums. Our community has enough problems without pissing off yet another 10% of the population.

Sincerely,

Laura Masters
Ontario, Canada



ACTION = REACTION

Manager, Corporate Advertising
Frito-Lay, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing in regards to a commercial for Lay's potato chips which I saw while watching a football game. Your ad involved the mailman character from "Cheers" and a large football player, in which the mailman ends up "suffering the indignity" of wearing a dress.

I imagine that the spot is intended as simply humorous, not as a slight on anyone. However, you should know that such depictions of the undesirability of crossdressing are very damaging to the significant percentage of our population which takes pleasure in such practices.

Please allow me to explain. There are many boys who harbor a desire to wear women's clothing. We don't know why this is so, but it is not simply a matter of upbringing. There is something inherent in some people which manifests in this way. For these people, this ad is an indictment of their needs as depravity, that they should take pleasure in something which is so obviously repugnant to the general population. Yet, the only bad thing which is likely to result from their desires is the closeting of their soul and the crippling of their self esteem. Truly, the vast majority of males who enjoy crossdressing spend childhoods (and much if not all of their adulthood) immersed in feelings of guilt and self-hatred. These feelings are fed by depictions such as the one in your commercial.

I know that it's getting harder to do anything these days without stepping on someone else's toes. However, I appeal to your sense of civic responsibility and human compassion to establish a policy which does not allow any more such depictions. To somewhere between two and five percent of our population, they are as repugnant as ignorance and bigotry.

I am a crossdresser, and a member of the International Foundation for Gender Education. We are a group dedicated to rescuing from their private hells those who suffer from needs which arise of no fault, and whose fulfillment causes no harm. For all of us, please take this matter seriously and help us end a lot of unnecessary suffering.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Nancy R. Nangeroni (MA)

Dear Ms Nangeroni:

We have received your complaint on our commercial of one of our products. We must confess that in preparing this ad, we did not anticipate your reaction. We have forwarded your comments to our advertising agency.

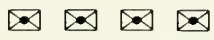
We do appreciate you taking the time to bring your viewpoint to our attention, as it is only when our consumers respond that we are made aware of unanticipated reactions to our advertising.

We consider you a valued consumer, and we hope you will continue to enjoy our products.

Sincerely,

Catherine Flippin
Consumer Affairs, Frito-Lay, Inc.

The key word in Catherine Flippin's response is "unanticipated." Unanticipated is another word for ignorance. If people are ignorant of the damage they do, they are going to continue to do damage. I believe there is a quote from the Bible that goes something like, "Forgive them Father, for they know not what they do." Well, we can forgive them until we're blue in the face or dead, but that's not going to stop them. In order to stop them, in order to stop the ignorance, we must do what Nancy did, which is break out of our indifference, get off our lazy duffs, and do something about it. Thank you Nancy, for sharing this letter with us. —MSL



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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Your readership survey in issue #68 prompted me to wonder why I have not been enjoying recent issues of *Tapestry* as much.

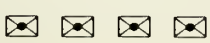
As best I can tell, there have been more articles of late telling us how we **should** think about our gender circumstances: Am I A Woman/ How Dare They Say I Am Not A Woman/How Dare They Say They Are Women—heavy political stuff. I expect an article by Andrea Dworkin , with Susan Brownmiller and Janice Raymond close on her heels. Ideologues. Too damn many "shoulds." This is not fun.

Try to maintain a lighter attitude. Include articles like "Uniform Games," which appeared in *Tapestry* #66, as leavening.

Best,

Rose P. (MN)

To have light-hearted articles, we must have good light-hearted writers.—MSL



. . .the only bad thing which is likely to result from their desires is the closeting of their soul and the crippling of their self esteem

I Am A Transsexual

I will never lose
I will never win
I will never live
I will never say those four words you just read

Closets within closets
Lies within lies
Lives within lives
Each will be what they have to be
But that does not mean they will be what they are

Could we be who we are without the artificial means
I was born a fully functioning human being
Everything that is me is within me
It would be nice if I were physically different
I am sure a lot of different people say that
But I am not

I am not a salmon
I cannot swim against the current
I am the current that flows from the physical to the metaphysical
It's not up to me to throw the switch
To turn off the current
I have to live this life
To explore the current flow
Do not think of me as not being one of you, for I am
We are only on different paths to the same destiny
May we all arrive

Peace

A Poem

by Abby Saypen

Long Silk Gown
If I could change into something
it would be a long silk gown.
You lift me out of a drawer,
hold me to your face.
I slip over your shoulders,
caress them with thinnest straps.
Liquid, I melt onto your body,
taking your form for mine.
I touch the tips of your breasts,
press tightly around your waist,
I am an unending embrace.
You look in a mirror,
just the sight of me, on you,
is enough.

(Reprinted from *Gender Talk North,* P O Box 211, Keene NH 03431.)

Of Time & Circumstance

by Roxanne Van Ness

I saw your photograph the other day:
It took one glimpse to get my heart to pound.
I once thought I no longer felt this way;
No substitute, however, has been found.
Despite our being older by a year,
From time to time I feel that chemistry;
My outlook towards you hasn't changed, I fear,
Despite the fact it wasn't meant to be.
Had I the choice, you'd be the one I want,
That special person I would long to meet,
To face in a crowded restaurant,
To clasp your hand, to walk you down the street.
Was I too early? Did you come too late?
Regardless, I am forced to face my fate.

Those close to me don't know the way I feel;
Perhaps you are as unaware as they.
It's now a habit, easy to conceal,
A secret I would never dare betray.
Were we to chat, our progress would be nil,
Though you're my world, with no one else in view-
Were we to dance, the hurt would worsen still,
For I'm aware we'll never wed, we two.
Once I refine it, this will find a place
Inside a book reposing on a shelf-
I'll not see the emotion on your face
Because you'll never read these words yourself.
Why are we pawns of time and circumstance?
It might have been a beautiful romance...

Baby Steps
(the mustache)

It's been there for most of my adult life. A way to show some maturity above my boyish grin. It became something to play with, during nervous times. Later, I used it as an excuse not to go out en femme, and it became a way to assure my spouse that I hadn't strayed too far out of the closet.

But now it's gone. On almost a dare and in a semi-drunken state it came off. A stepping stone toward going out in public, left at the bottom of the sink.

First one side completely.

What ya think, Hon? Better take a picture...Should I leave it this way?...Purely androgynous isn't? But will anyone notice at work? How is this for asymmetric hair design? Maybe I could shave off the eyebrow on the other side. Her look is one of nervous humor.

Grabbing the shaver again, off came the other side.

I feel the change with every exhalation of my breath, a constant reminder. I look in the mirror and feel naked. The skin under my nose feels tingly like fresh-shaven legs. The deed is done.

My wife looks nervous, not knowing what to expect next. I too am nervous, not knowing where I am leading myself. As nervous as sending the first letter to a gender organization, announcing to strangers, and confirming to myself in words on paper my desires, my needs, MY FEELINGS.

At 34, my eldest son says I look younger, maybe twenty. I want to kiss him. But I know he wouldn't like that. My wife says I look older, over forty. I question her motives. My youngest son just stares...then finally says I look like a step-Dad. To him, a close facsimile, but not the real thing.

Again, at the mirror, I can't see me and I never could. The way I can categorize a face and never forget one just never worked when looking at my own. But I do see more. I see wrinkles here and there. I see dry patches of skin. I see a battle brewing with the stubble around my chin. How do you get lipstick to look good on those recently uncovered lips? What do you do with those eyebrows? I see hours of practice before reaching the goal...shopping at the mall, dinner, a movie en femme.

Late at night, with my family asleep, on goes the wig. I look odd. I feel odd. It's been stashed in a duffle bag so long it looks more like Medusa's headdress than anything feminine. Well, wear it anyway, practice, practice, practice...

- Christie Woods

Sick Day

by Chris Statley

Watching the others trudge to the morning bus,
like linked elephants past my living room windows,
I danced in my head, great arcing leaps, then down
en pointe, 12 liquid twirls, and grateful applause.

My mother called in. I was "sick." She has gone to work.
Here was a day without pain.

Up to the drawers, closets, and small hiding
spaces. Panties from here, a scarf from there, a skirt rolled up at
the waist to show a saucy glimpse of leg.

Rouge, lipstick, a touch of perfume.
Dressing, dressing, but never looking in the mirror.
Just feeling. At home. Comfortable. Appropriate.

Not until hours later, when passing a hallway mirror
I stopped and looked. And my eyes met a new face.
My face. Where was the rush of recognition.
A big sister? An old acquaintance?

No, me. But with such a calm, cool, clear sense
of identity that I stared in disbelief. Here was a girl
who could do anything. Anything? I asked.
My eyes looked back, understanding and warm, like the doctor
who knows the answer to a familiar question and is ready to reassure
a
fearful and flighty patient.

"Yes," my eyes said, "anything. It is all possible.
But you have to be here. You can't just pull me out in
bits and pieces from behind a drawer
on an odd Thursday some March
and expect me to help you."

I looked and looked. I looked: diving into a cool lake,
deep into a trackless, welcoming infinity.
A sense of complete security flooded me,
a great wave of energy and purpose.
It was all there. I saw it so simply.
In my eyes, in my new face.
In the person I was.

And the joy was so terrifying I ran to put all the clothes away
and spent the rest of the day in bland and aimless activity trying
to forget what I had just
seen.
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Passages

by Cierra Lang

There are beaches in my soul
that have no footprints
And the passages there are fought
with honesty and an openness
few have ever shown
A gentleness and sensitivity
A heart of understanding
leads the way
And then the voyage begins
with each caring touch
and words heartily spoken
Slowly the rusty chains begin to creak
and the anchor rises from its rest
And the gossamer sails unfurl
being filled with the winds of love
The timeless journey
to chart the ports of call
begins anew across the cerulean sea,
stopping first at familiar ports
where the footprints in the sand are ma
And should the journey travel onward
the footprints become fewer
and far between
until the soul-havens are reached
that have no footprints in the sand.

artist: **Yuri Kumykov**

Develop a Female Voice

by Melanie Ann Phillips

Develop a Female Voice! Nothing gets you read faster than a voice that doesn't match your appearance. Many gender folk dress up to the nines and look like goddesses...until they open their mouths. Suddenly, in spite of the grace and curves, they turn into truck drivers or lumberjacks right before your eyes. Clothes may make the man, but it is voice that makes the woman.

Whether you are a crossdresser or transsexual, developing a truly FEMALE voice—not just a feminine one—is of paramount importance. When I began my transition, there was electrolysis to worry about, mannerisms...but it was voice that was the greatest obstacle. Like most, I tried simply feminizing my voice, softening the voice I had. I tried raising my pitch artificially, arriving at that bad falsetto that forms the stereotype of the transgendered, marking them as parodies rather than the real thing. Eventually I even considered vocal chord surgery as a last resort. Voice surgery made me nervous though. I had a fairly decent singing voice, I liked to do character voices, I liked to sound dramatic when I spoke. But, the thought of being read every time I uttered a word was enough to tip the balance to consider voice surgery, even though all end-results I had heard were not very convincing, AND I had heard horror stories of those who as a result of the surgery lost their voices completely!

I had just about resigned myself to that risk when, a few months into living full-time as a woman, I stumbled into something quite by accident that has made the difference in my career, my relationships, in my life as a whole: I learned to sound female. Notice I did not say "to talk like a woman," but rather "to sound female." This is because the secret I found is not in the way one speaks but the way one sounds. I had been trying out different voices that day (as I did most days), sometimes trying to sound like a squeaky teenager, other times like a mature matron. For weeks I had been struggling with no progress to speak of. And then, this one day, suddenly, something happened. My voice "slipped gears" and came down in a different place than it had ever been. All at once, in one broad stroke, the TIMBRE of my voice had turned female. I couldn't believe it! I SOUNDED female!

I tried saying this and that, and EVERYTHING sounded female. This was incredible! After all my fears and yearning...it was almost like magically being transformed into a woman! It was just about quitting time at work when this happened. I was working as Melanie at the time, but still going home to my wife as Dave. The kids did not know about my transition yet. Each night, I would leave work, take off the nail polish and makeup, change my clothes and go home. So I decided it was time to go back to my "drab" voice and do Dave again for the night. But, when I tried to revert, I couldn't find my old voice. I tried again—nothing!
Suddenly, I felt that I really HAD been transformed! That somehow my whole voice box had been changed to a female form! But this was terrible!!! My wife was going to kill me! After half an hour of unsuccessful attempts to get out of voice, there was nothing left to do but face the music. I drove home, stepped inside. Mary said, "How was your day?" I replied, "Fine," but it wasn't Dave's voice, it was Melanie's, and Mary threw a fit! "What's wrong with your voice?" she demanded. I explained what had happened and how I got stuck. She told me I had darn well better figure out how to get unstuck before the kids woke up in the morning.

Try as I might, I couldn't do it. But then, over the course of an hour or so, my voice relaxed and the old voice came back. I was saved!!! But then, I worried that I wouldn't be able to get the new voice back again. After all, it had happened by accident, and I really didn't know what I had done. At first, I DID lose the new voice. But then, I found it again, and practiced, and practiced going in and out all the rest of the night. The next morning, the first thing I did when I woke up was try to find the new voice again, and there it was, mine to command!

Over the following months, I worked on the fine points of my voice, adding all the incidental elements that affected not only my sound, but the manner in which I spoke. Now, over four years later and two years after sex reassignment surgery, I can report that my new voice is fine. If I choose to, I can still

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slip in and out of it at will. This voice has been crucial in my career advancement, relationships and, best of all, my female voice has helped developed my sense of self. In this article, I will share with you how I did it and provide all the steps you need to find your own female voice.

To begin, I discovered seven important tools for developing a female voice. Six of them work on the femininity but the seventh is the "secret" that actually makes one SOUND female. I'll describe each briefly, then cover them in greater detail. By name, the seven tools are Pitch, Resonance, Dynamic Range, Enunciation, Vocabulary, Grammar, and Body English.

PITCH: Most people assume that the primary difference between men's and women's voices is Pitch. But we shall see that the difference in pitch between the sexes is minimal. In fact, the overlap of range between the sexes allows for almost ANY individual to fall well within accepted norms of pitch for either sex.

RESONANCE: The modulation of whatever pitch you have. It puts the envelope on the voice that takes the pitch and assigns it Timbre.

DYNAMIC RANGE: The difference between the highest highs and the lowest lows that a person uses while speaking. Men use a very narrow dynamic range, even though they are capable of extending that range. It is simply a matter of training, not physiology. In contrast, women use a much WIDER dynamic range, which is what gives their voices more of a "sing/song" effect.

ENUNCIATION: The way you pronounce your words. There is a female dialect that transcends languages and cultures.

VOCABULARY: Yes, there are masculine and feminine words. In our culture, certain words are almost exclusively reserved for males, and others for females.

GRAMMAR: Being masculine or feminine has a lot to do with brokering power. When one forms words into sentences, the ORDER of words as well as modifiers and parentheticals, change the position of power of the speaker. We'll look into ways to adopt the "power level" appropriate to the many roles played by either sex.

BODY ENGLISH: The way you move while speaking. In fact, it has an actual impact of how the voice itself will sound. By using the proper Body English while you speak, you can improve the femininity of your voice—even on the phone!

Let's move on to the first of these areas in depth.

PITCH: What do Suzanne Pleshette, Marlene Dietrich, Cher, and Bea Arthur have in common? They all have VERY low voices! In fact, they have voices LOWER in pitch than most men. However, we would never mistake them for men! In fact, at least three of the four are considered sexy. Low women's voices are "husky," not masculine. How can they get away with that? Because the average difference in pitch between the male and female voice is only about a ½-octave. That means there is just four notes higher that some women can go that no men can, and only four notes lower that some men can go that no women can. My voice now is only 2 or 3 notes higher on the scale than it was before I started. But the audible impact is quite different. It is not how HIGH you pitch your voice, but where you pitch it FROM that makes all the difference! Once you get your voice coming from the right place, it doesn't really matter what pitch it is at all. And the added bonus is, with appropriate Resonance, you get 2 or 3 notes of increased pitch as well.

RESONANCE: Imagine the same note being played by a violin, a trumpet, and an oboe. They all sound different, even though they are all playing the same frequency. This is because the tone is "modulated" differently. In a trumpet, the resonance is created in the coils. It is created in the body of the violin or in a cello. That chamber is like our own voice box. Men have a larger voice box. That's what makes their Adam's apples larger and their voices have more low-end resonance. Women have smaller voice boxes and as a result, less low end resonance. So, in a sense, men have MORE harmonics than women. This is fortunate for those in the masculine gender who wish to be perceived as the feminine gender. The whole trick is to learn to use LESS of your voice. You've got it already, you are using it already. It's not something you have to add to sound female, but something you need to suppress. When men go into a falsetto, they suppress ALL the harmonics, resulting in that dead give-away high-pitched voice. Let's try an experiment to drive the point home. Put the fingers of one hand on the top of your larynx, at the top of your Adam's apple. Place the fingers of your other hand at the very bottom of your larynx, below the Adam's apple. Now, speak aloud in your normal masculine voice. You will note that both the top AND the bottom of the larynx vibrate almost equally as you speak. Keeping your fingers in place, go into a falsetto and speak. You will note that there is hardly ANY vibration in either the top OR the bottom! The exercises we are going to learn will allow you to create a voice that vibrates ONLY at the bottom and NOT at the top. This effectively cuts the part of the voice box used in half, thereby losing the lowest of the harmonics, leaving almost EXACTLY the same range of harmonics as a genetic female. The female voice I've discovered feels like it sits "behind" your normal voice. After I had used it for a while, I found there were two easy ways to get to this place. The first way is with Falsetto, the second, by gargling.

Exercise with Falsetto: Start with your highest falsetto. If you sound like a cartoon character with big round ears that lives in Anaheim, you've got it! Now take that voice and bring the pitch down as low as you can WITHOUT BREAKING YOUR VOICE. If you break your voice, it will "come out front" again, and you'll be using the full voice box for modulation—just what you don't want. Take your voice down as low as you can go in falsetto. That's the spot. You will notice that neither the top nor the bottom of your larynx is vibrating very much.

Exercise with Gargling: Just go back in your throat the way you do when you gargle and make that standard gargling sound. When you do, you will automatically tighten up your throat. You will find that your voice is resonating from exactly the same place either with the lowest falsetto or the gargling. However, with the gargling, you can actually feel both the top and bottom of your larynx vibrating. The point you want to reach for this voice is the center point between where you put your voice to gargle and the lowest falsetto you have.

Some people like to do character voices for fun. If you can do a little old man or an old woman, say "The Alludium Q38 Space Modulator," or do the "Wicked Witch of the West," you are very near the spot. As I mentioned before, the first time I found this voice I hit it by accident. Then I got stuck. So if you try this exercise and are not living full-time as a woman, make sure you have an hour or so to find your way back to your male voice just in case.

What you are learning to do is develop one set of the muscles on your larynx while not using the others at all. This is a tough trick—kind of like wiggling your ears, or patting your head while rubbing your tummy. It takes practice—LOT'S of practice. You will find that using the lower set of muscles to do all the work leads to hoarseness at first. This is your body's way of telling you that you should knock off for a while. For me, it took about six months to be able to use it all day long. Then, it took another six months to fully develop loudness and dynamic range. But these things did come with practice and patience. I imagine that eventually, the other muscles at the top might atrophy if, like me, you just don't use them at all. However, for those of you switching back and forth, both will stay in tone and like me, even after four years, I can still call up the old voice. Don't push it, though. I'm no medical doctor. I can't tell you exactly what's going on physically, nor can I guarantee you won't cause yourself problems. I can merely say that for me, I have been using this voice for over four years with no apparent ill effects.

DYNAMIC RANGE is the difference between the highest and lowest pitch used in conversation. Women use this range to put emphasis into their conversation. Men use a different technique: they get louder or softer within a narrower range of tones. A man will "punch" some words and hold back others. In this manner they "make their point." In contrast, women will go up and down in pitch while keeping roughly the same loudness. This is a striking difference in speech patterns, and is a key identifier of a masculine or feminine personality. Keep in mind that masculine women will adopt the loudness approach in monotone, and the feminine man will rise and fall in tonality with even loudness.

You'll notice the difference in the way women speak when you call them on the phone. If you are a man and call a company getting the female receptionist, her voice will be up in the scale, high in pitch so as to be cheerful and non-threatening. If she hears a man calling her she will stay there at that range of pitch. But if you are a woman calling in and get the same receptionist, she will answer the phone the same way, but as soon as she hears that it is a woman calling her, she will lower her tonal range. This happens because men control the power in the world, especially in business. As a result, as a woman, unless you are very assertive by nature, you don't want to appear threatening. Men in business compete with men and also with women who are threatening. However, since women have to stick together to get anything done in a male world, they must form a conspiracy.

When men in business get together it's a competition, when women in business get together its a conspiracy. And this difference in approach and status is reflected in the higher or lower tonal range that a woman adopts depending on the gender of the other party. Similarly, if a woman IS assertive and using amplitude to punch her emphasis, a non-assertive woman will keep her voice high to show she is not a threat. Now, this is easily seen in women because they naturally use a wider dynamic range. But have you ever noticed how a man's voice goes up a few notes whenever he fears a superior is angry with him?

Another aspect of Dynamic range is "stair step tonalities." In every group of several words a woman strings together in a sentence, usually no two are spoken at the same pitch. This is what makes women's voices sound so "sing-song." In fact, they ARE singing! Sometimes the stair steps go down lower into that conspiratorial tone. Other times they go up to raise the emotional stakes. Often they rise and fall like sine waves to rush up under a phrase, then retreat like a wave on the sand. Speaking in stair step tonalities is best learned by listening to others, but it is learned, not intrinsic. Just like Dynamic Range, it is a function of conditioning rather than of biology. So, Dynamic Range is largely a masculine/feminine issue rather than a male/female one.

ENUNCIATION describes the shape into which words are formed. Men lean toward denotation rather than connotation. In other words, men get the job done as quickly as possible with the most focus. When speaking, they hit the edges of words like square waves, cutting each one like they were chopping carrots. In contrast, women are more connotation oriented. They are not as concerned with the meaning of a word as with its context, and that context is expressed in a more flowing, graceful manner. Women will round the edges of their words to avoid cliffs and walls. Believe it or not, the best source I've found as an example of this is with Valley Girls. Val Speak for Girls puts an envelope on the words that sing-songs with stair steps, rounds the words and follows the hidden agenda of meaning in the background context. I suggest that you rent either Whoopi Goldberg's stand-up comedy routine on video tape or the movie "Valley Girls." Both have the feminine dialect down pat. It is MUCH easier to go overboard to an extreme and then tone it down than to try to build up from where you are now. If you jump all the way to the extreme and use that, it will begin to average out with the enunciation you are using now and will tone itself down until it is right on the mark for normal conversation as today's woman.

Now, I referred above to the "feminine dialect." But it is much more than that. In fact, the enunciation and dynamic range of femininity is applied to every language and every culture in the world. The words and grammar may change, but the connotation of the feminine meaning is a universal language that can be understood from woman to woman in times and worlds apart. As a woman shifts from role to role, she uses the same tools, but with different emphasis depending on the situation. Get away from the binary, free yourself from definition. Go with the flow, be flexible, and play with variations on a theme.

VOCABULARY: Think about the phrase, "I Got a pain in my gut." Who would say that, a man or a woman? A woman might say, "I have a pain in my stomach," or, if she really wanted to be obnoxious, "My tummy hurts..." (GAK!) The point is, that some words are more masculine or feminine that others. Part of this again derives from the brokering of power. For example, a man usually "wants" something while a woman "would like" something. "Want" expresses a desire and implies a right, while "would like" states a preference, running the idea up the flagpole to see if anyone is against it before acting. This reflects the submissive side of the power equation. You can notice the difference in the way men and women will order at the speaker of a drive-through fast food restaurant. A man will say, "I want a Big Mac," whereas a woman will say, "I'd like a salad, please." Another thing men do is slur. They might say, "I hafta gota the store." "Hafta" is not a word! "Gota" is not a word! A woman might say, "I have to go to the store." Or she might say, "I ought to..." "Have to" is driven by need. "Ought to" is driven by should. It's really a question of Instigation vs. Obligation and is yet another example of the Power Equation in our society. Look for those power words and, if you want to be feminine, avoid them like the plague.

GRAMMAR: Grammar deals with sentence structure and parentheticals. Men are supposed to be assertive in our society, women submissive. Women can have moods, but not opinions. Men might say they were "going to do" something, but women would say "I'm thinking of doing" something. Now, I use the terms "men" and "women" because those are the standards for our society by sex. But it is really a matter of masculine vs. feminine. It is the issue of cooperation vs. conflict. This article is not about breaking stereotypes, but becoming a stereotype. Once you have arrived, BELIEVE ME, you will find LOTS of reasons to break them! But first you must get there.

BODY ENGLISH: This is how you move when you speak. Body English supports voice and voice supports Body English. If a feminine voice is like a song, feminine Body English is like a dance. When you put the song and the dance together, they create harmonies between them that underscore and counterpoint, making the entire process a symphony. The most interesting part is that voice and Body English actually change each other. Try saying something while standing absolutely still. Then try speaking with broad gestures. You will hear a difference in your voice just because you are moving. Many gender folk using the phone get so nervous they freeze up physically and it can be heard loud and clear in their voice. But if you move in rhythm to your thoughts, your voice will follow. Even on the phone you will sound more feminine AND more human!

This is what I have learned from my personal experience. Use the seven steps to achieve a fully feminine voice: Pitch, Resonance, Dynamic Range, Enunciation, Vocabulary, Grammar and Body English. The first six will make you sound like a woman, and the last will convince everyone that you are one. If you would like an audio visual demonstration of my technique, and more direct work in learning how to do it, get a copy of my 49-minute VHS video, "GIRL TALK: Melanie Speaks about Developing a more Feminine Voice." To hear what I sound like on the phone, you can call my answering machine at (818) 840-0381. Good luck to you in your journey, and my best wishes for the future you desire.

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Why

by Linda Jill

A 22-year old, gorgeous woman at beauty school recently asked me, "Why would a guy want to dress up like a woman?" I said something like, "Because while a guy grows up, he gets ridiculed and beaten up for exhibiting what society has defined as feminine traits: emotional sensitivity, caring about other people's feelings, crying, liking colors other than blue/brown/gray and army green, etc...A boy is forced to filter all of his expressions and attitudes before they reach the surface, and to repress what society has indicated will not be accepted.

"Not only is his natural self largely rejected with this, some more than others, but the repressed parts will eventually re-emerge on their own, in distorted non-coherent ways, possibly outside of his ability to control, and will step on his feelings about his self image, and bring on feed-back that will step on his self-esteem. As his confidence and self likability factor diminish, he reminds people around him, on a subconscious level, of their own insecurities with themselves. So it may well be that he is trying to heal himself from a life of emotional turmoil in the hopes that he will become spiritually healthy again, enough to function well and live well enough for life to be worth it."

The 22-year old woman had a look of amazement on her face as she said, "Shit! That makes sense! How do you know that?" I said, "I am one." Oops! I meant only to say, "I'm a guy, not a 'Transgender Explorer.'"

But, is it that simple? Maybe not. As far back as I can remember, I felt that I should have been born a girl. I guess we can't always help how we feel. I was too sensitive and emotional to appreciate being a guy. Everything about masculinity seemed abusive, cold, narrow-minded and ridiculously egotistical, and was a total turnoff for me. Femininity was deeply enchanting to me, feeling coherent with my innermost feelings on a continuous basis. I grew up struggling to fit in to the male world, struggling to contrive the macho act, to minimize how often I would get beaten up emotionally and/or physically.

I escaped the macho scene to a large degree with solitary hobbies such as audio electronic engineering, photography and music. I grew up a total nerd nobody until tenth grade when people saw me play Eric Clapton style, soulful melodic blues guitar. Then suddenly I was this "evercool" guy, who suddenly got invited to all kinds of fancy parties, got hit on by gorgeous girls, and so on. With all the pain I'd felt growing up with gender dysphoria, why wasn't I surprised that I was good at playing the blues?

Although, with my relatively feminine features, long straight thin blond hair and big blue eyes, I did not exactly look the part or have the sultry voice of the classic bluesman. I felt more like the bluesman's girlfriend, or back singer.

I looked to the other popular guys on how to interact with the girls that were coming on to me. I got to experience sex quite a bit, if only when we all got stoned and drunk. I sexually abused the girls in a contrived, confident and macho way, but not too rough. I guess a lot of women feel that sex is one of their only tools for getting what they want in life. So it's been a commodity for them, instead of a spiritual sharing and bonding experience.

Back there in high school, when women would get to know me as the person I was inside, without the drugs, their passion for me would usually deflate in a matter of seconds to zilch. I never understood that, since although I was rather insecure, I was very sensitive and caring of their feelings. I heard them saying that they wanted that in a guy, but I never felt appreciated for long when I displayed that feeling. Now that I have 38-years' worth of wisdom, I feel that the reason they reacted to the way I was is a combination of the following: 1) They were uncomfortable being subconsciously reminded of their own insecurities and feelings of vulnerability, *by* seeing it in me; 2) The way peer pressure was, they needed to be able to brag about me to their insecure, invalidating girl friends; and 3) The thing Carl Jung talked about, the anima and the animus. It makes a lot of intuitive sense to me. Just yesterday I read about it for the first time. It appears to suggest that women are trying to find a man who will fill in their missing or repressed male part, and a man is trying to find a female who will fill in his missing or repressed female part. It's as if a certain amount of gender dysphoria is intended, by nature, to encourage mating and thereby survival of our species. Could this mean I'm actually fairly normal? Oooh yuk!

I found this old copy, Winter-Spring 1992, of the *Journal of Gender Studies* from Portland, Maine on the floor of an abandoned apartment. It

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doesn't even have a table of contents, but it appears to be some of the best writings on gender I've ever seen. I haven't read it all yet, but the article in the front: "Putting Gender Issues In Perspective - The Whole You" by Jayne Thomas, Ph.D., explored this, among other things, and really rang the bell for me.

Apparently Carl Jung had suggested that we might have been born bisexual or androgynous in the sense that we had the ability to develop *completely* a male personality and/or a female personality. But it didn't happen "...because of those damn blue and pink blankets." You got a message very early on that if you are a little boy, then it's not cool to exhibit that "sissy" or feminine behavior, so you stifled it. Baby girls, on the other hand, were shown extreme appreciation and bonding love when they would display "sissy," or what society has defined as feminine behavior.

Jung goes on to say that later in life, in order to become a "complete" person, you have to go back and reclaim and re-own all those parts of your personality that you were taught to dissipate through forced repression. I believe that this forced repression comes out later, on its own, as incoherent dysfunction, especially in the spontaneity of your personality. He titles this female part of the genetic male personality the "anima," and the male part of the genetic female personality the "animus."

He states that most people are able to get back in touch with their anima, or in the case of a genetic woman, her animus, and reclaim it and integrate it back into their personality through traditional ways, such as in your job, hobbies or in a relationship. The person you fall in love with may reflect back to you the projection of the other part of your personality: your anima or animus. They fill in the missing part of your personality. Ding!

He further suggests that because of social conditioning, it can be so difficult and necessary for the transvestite to be able to access that other part of their personality, that they will put on a "costume" that says, "Now I can be that way." They had to "do something different to be able to reach that part of themselves that they have as a total (whole) human being. Others may have to live as a TV or TS, so that society treats them in a way that is more congruent with the way in which they process information.

Jayne, extending on this theory, suggests, "Maybe the way in which you get in touch with your animus is to become your anima." If I understand this properly, she is saying that for a genetic male to get in touch with his male self, and learn on a feeling level to appreciate it, he might need in some cases to get a sex change, and become his female self.

She goes on to suggest that a TS will probably need to go through what will amount to an adolescence, since that is where people define themselves. When I was living as Jill around my genetic lady friend Gayle, she said I reminded her of an annoying time in her life, when she was young, and she just hated all the immature invalidating self-absorbed girls she had to deal with.

When I'm dressed as a woman, and in my woman mode, people have told me I'm a totally different person. I tell them I must be because I'm not afraid of being my whole and spontaneous self when dressed this way and in the right place and with the right friends. A self that I love, one that feels so natural I forget what gender I am. It works for me. Also, that I have a lifetime of repression come flying out, when I let it, as my spiritual self goes after equilibrium.

Most of my friends and acquaintances have told me that they like me better as a woman than as a man. It's got to be because I'm so much happier and whole in my woman-self. Spiritually healthier. I've got more energy. I've gotten outside of my incoherent, invalidating and intimidating male self, and am actualizing my female self by spontaneously living it, and channelling the perspective consciousness into my dysfunctional male personality. Although I am new at this, I believe it to be helping. The more I live as a woman, the more I love it, life in general, and myself. The more good that comes out in me. The more my spiritual self soars. At the same time, it seems to become less important which physical sex I am.

When I love who I am, I love life, I become a woman in a Maxfield Parrish Painting. I become a person I dream about having as a friend. But then, if Carl Jung's theory is right, my anima (female) self *should* be a dream to me, shouldn't it? Maybe I should title this article, "The Importance of Finding the Right Woman/Lover/Mate/Companion/Friend." I wonder what actually happened when Narcissus, the apparently beautiful male youth in Greek mythology, fell in love with his own reflection and got turned into a flower. Maybe we all get turned into or re-incarnated as something non-human when we die, and return to this planet as that, based on our chosen values and such. The ultimate Karma...

A Wives' Bill of Rights

by Frances Fairfax

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I. We have the right to know about our husbands' crossdressing, preferably before marriage, but certainly when our husbands begin to make crossdressing a significant factor in their lives and wish to contact support groups.

2. We have the right to honest and open communication with our husbands, with negotiation and compromise on both sides, particularly in regard to allocation of family resources and in matters pertaining to telling our children. Old patterns of selfishness and deception must cease.

3. We have the right not to be pushed to "accept" things before we have had time to learn enough about them and to begin to get used to them.

4. We have the right to our husbands as men, the men we married, men who maintain a positive, healthy masculinity while "exploring their femininity" and seek neither to evade responsibilities nor to appropriate our own feminine roles.

5. We have the right to support groups for ourselves that promote our own personal growth and well-being, help us understand our husbands' needs, and provide tools for relationship-building.

6. We have the right to our husbands' masculine male bodies. Neither partner in a marriage or a relationship has the right to alter body features without the full knowledge and consent of the other.

7. We have the right to support groups for our husbands that encourage their feminine development without denigrating healthy masculinity, that welcome us as full members on an equal basis with our husbands, and that fully support relationship commitments.

8. We have the right not to be mocked and demeaned by sexually explicit or otherwise offensive conversation, dressing, and behavior at group meetings.

9. We have the right not to be pressured to attend group gatherings at public locations, night clubs, or other places that pose security risks.

10. We have the right to be asked for our permission before our clothes, makeup, jewelry, or other personal items are borrowed.

11. We have the right to personal time in which to get in touch with our own femininity, pursue our personal growth, and work on creative projects.

12. We have the right to expect local, regional, and national gender organizations and conventions to fully support and promote these rights in their programs and policies.

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The Ideal Family

by Ellen Summers

This is Ellen's Acceptance Speech for the Virginia Prince Award given at the 7th annual Coming Together - Working Together Convention in Portland, Oregon, USA, March, 1994

I stand here tonight humbled and appreciative of the honor you have bestowed on me. As the famous entertainer and song writer George M. Cohan said at the conclusion of his performance:

My father thanks you,
My mother thanks you,
My sister thanks you,
and I thank you,
Only:
My father never knew about me,
My mother doesn't know,
but, your sister Ellen does and thanks you!

You will note that the key here is family. Here tonight in the audience are my family, my supportive wife Pattie, and terrific daughter Susie. Also here are many of my local sisters and brothers from the Northwest Gender Alliance and Emerald City, and last but not least, the sisters and brothers from the world-wide family. What a great evening this is for me.

For a moment let's discuss the characteristics of an ideal family. The ideal family:

a. Expresses a love for one another,

b. Protects one another from harm,

c. Helps one another when in need,

d. Pursues a common goal for the good of the whole family.

Sound a little Polyannaish? Well, of course it does, because we all know families that certainly do not follow the precepts of the ideal family that I have previously described. However, I believe we will all agree there is a bond between a biological family not unlike the bond we share as a part of the gender community.

Of course, it is possible to forget our obligations to the total community in our territorial and ideological differences. Sometimes we forget the common goals of our community which have been discussed during this convention. However, the main objective is to gain acceptance for our way of life in the society in which we live.

We have come a considerable distance along this path toward acceptance for our way of life in the society in which we live.

I would like to take a little time to trace that path from the early days to the present. Some of the people who traveled that path almost from the start are with us tonight.

Some of us remember the first time we knew there were others out there who expressed the fact that they were unhappy with their gender. Many of us thought we were all alone. Yes, we had heard of Chevalier d'Eon, the French diplomat, who lived and perhaps died as a woman, and Lord Cornbury, the governor of New York who frequently was seen in public in women's clothes—but in 1953, when newspaper headlines screamed the news of George Jorgensen's change to Christine Jorgensen, here was the dream of total gender expression and of a practical sex change. Surgery moved into the current times. It had become public that there were some of us who were not completely happy with a one-sided view of one's total personality. There was another side of this personality, best identified by those qualities expressed in the opposite sex. Many held these feelings of inadequacy. But in those days such behavior was totally unacceptable by society, and the laws of the time could demand arrest for those males emulating the female by crossdressing.

Down through the years we have seen many changes. It was during the early '60s one of the pioneers of our community emerged to form an organization of persons who shared a common view.

Virginia Prince, I guess better known as the god-mother of crossdressing, started the Hose and Heels Club in Los Angeles, California. To those meetings each member brought their own hose and heels to express their femininity in that fashion. This group later expanded to the FPE Sorority, then into Tri Sigma Sorority, and finally into its present name, Tri-Ess. They now have local chapters throughout the world.

In the '70s and early '80s, various regional groups, such as, the Renaissance Education Association,

Gateway Gender Alliance (now defunct), and others were formed. Also local groups were forming: ETVC in San Francisco, CHIC in Los Angeles, PPOC in Southern California, Tiffany Club in Boston, and many, many others.

Our local sorority, Northwest Gender Alliance (NWGA) held their first meeting with 5 members in 1980. One of those original members and co-founder of NWGA with myself is Linda Ann Tipton. Also here tonight is our first president, Olivia Perala.

During the growth period of our community, national meetings and conventions were beginning to emerge. Some strictly for business, and others to attract those persons who wished to socialize with others who enjoyed indulging in their feminine persona. The earliest of these national events were: DREAM, held on the west coast, and Fantasia Fair on the east coast at Cape Cod in Provincetown, Massachusetts.

I am familiar with the DREAM event since I was in attendance at 3 of the several DREAMs organized by Marilyn Irving, who is here tonight. As a matter of fact, we held a DREAM reunion in this hotel on Thursday evening. This reunion was attended by former DREAM girls and those who were part of this wonderful event.

The DREAM event was held in a lovely condominium setting overlooking the Pacific Ocean on our Oregon coast. It reflected the cloistered atmosphere of those times. The local residents of the area were not aware of our event, nor of the crossdressing practices that characterized our outing during the 9 days we were in residence. No one was to leave the area crossdressed. When we did leave the area in groups to attend dinners or classes at other locations, we were driven there by bus. In spite of these restrictions, everyone in attendance, around 60 or 70 persons from all over the U.S., Europe, Canada, and even Austria, felt the warmth of sisterhood through the sharing of their proclivity.

We were assisted by a professional modeling course in the art of feminine expression. This course was conducted by Gloria Lavonne and her staff of professional fashion models. Gloria is here tonight, along with one of those models, to celebrate with us.

Although I didn't attend the early Fantasia Fairs, I am told that many of the same types of activities did occur there, also. However, the attendees at the Fair had the whole town available as their arena. Provincetown welcomed the Fair with open arms due to the nature of the town's residents.

The growth in the late '80s and early '90s saw more and more regional and local groups come onto the scene. Today there are over 100 local groups in existence throughout the world.

Tonight I would like to speak of two national organizations among several others who have come upon the scene. The Congress of Transgendered Organizations, formerly called the Congress of Representatives, which was founded in 1990. Its main purpose is to represent the various local gender groups so as to bring them together to speak as one voice to the community. Their goals are also to help form regional coalitions to strengthen gender support groups in designated regions. Since they are not a tax exempt organization, they can initiate political action if needed to benefit member groups and to achieve their goals. Of course, the other national organization is our own IFGE, a dream of the founder, Merissa Sherrill Lynn, that has become a reality.

I think it is appropriate at this time to discuss the organization behind this wonderful Coming Together - Working Together Convention. Since most of us here are either members or supporters of IFGE, we should know a good deal about IFGE, right? **Wrong!** Many of us are in the dark about the questions of what is IFGE, and what does it do for our community.

What is IFGE?

IFGE is a non-profit organization that serves two primary purposes:

1. As an educational resource for issues related to the crossdressing and transsexual phenomena.

2. As a means for individuals and organizations world-wide who have an interest in the crossdressing or transsexual phenomena to work together on projects beneficial to all.

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A. An International Headquarters which features:

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2. A bookstore,
3. Professionally managed executive offices, and business offices for IFGE operations, publications, and general business,
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7. A publishers' clearing house,
8. Reference information processing and distribution,
9. A telephone hotline, and
10. A classroom.

B. Publications

IFGE publishes the *TV/TS Tapestry Journal,* various books, booklets, and videotapes.

C. Programs

IFGE directly sponsors programs, and provides financial and logistical support for other programs, such as the annual Coming Together - Working Together Convention and outreach programs to the mental and medical health communities.

Since its beginning in 1987 we can

point to several successes in its goal to serve our community. IFGE has grown from the early days into an efficient professional organization despite limited resources and lack of experience at the start.

It has made the organization's magazine, *Tapestry* the best publication of its kind anywhere.

IFGE's annual Coming Together - Working Together Convention has done a splendid job of bringing together groups of people in a community-wide effort to attain our goals through cooperation. The convention is directly responsible for creating this spirit of cooperation among divergent segments of our community which is a major accomplishment.

IFGE has discovered and developed a resource pool of knowledgeable and talented people. These people are its greatest asset and will provide wisdom, guidance and leadership in the future.

IFGE has began to focus on important issues of research, program development, outreach, self development and helping professional cooperation. We are fortunate to have Dr. Sheila Kirk in Waltham as our director of medical liaison and research.

Our Fund Raising Committee headed by Laura Skaer and now by Sharon Emek, has done a great job in such a short time and they are eager and anxious to do more.

Finally—IFGE has found a new home for its headquarters in Waltham, Massachusetts and it is something of which you may all be proud. I hope many of you are able to visit this new office soon. Perhaps Merissa, Yvonne, and their staff can put you to work while you are there.

I think we all owe Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Yvonne Cook and their staff of Stacey Toon, Vivian Allen, Holly Cross and Joan Hoff a great deal of appreciation for making IFGE the success it is today.

As a final note, IFGE needs both your support and financial help to continue its work. In the end, you out there in the community determine the future of IFGE.

I opened tonight with the key word—family. As I look out there I see a gender family that has grown beyond our wildest dream. Let's all try hard to make it even larger and more successful.

Tonight has been one of the greatest experiences of my life.

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My daughter thanks you,
and your sister Ellen thanks you

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Views of a Male CD
The Many Facets of Personality

by Claire Roberts

Claire Roberts has been active in the gender community for some time. She is a member of the IFGE Board of Directors.

There's a great scene in the movie *Raiders of the Lost Ark* in which Indiana Jones looks down with horror at the writhing floor in the just-opened chamber, rolls limply to his side and groans, "Snakes...why'd it have to be snakes?!" Remember? Now...close your eyes, imagine a typical living room in Anytown, U.S.A., and imagine overhearing the same expression of shock and dread, except substitute the word "crossdressing" for the word "snakes." I'm afraid it rather characterizes the response of many ordinary people who have just learned that a loved one is a crossdresser. Actually, when you get right down to it, it really is a darn good question. Why do some of us need to crossdress in order to complete our personalities? Why can't we express our femininity some other way? Does this mean every crossdresser has a split personality?

Let me first define what I mean by crossdresser, as opposed to transsexual or transgenderal. My working definition of a crossdresser is one who enjoys spending time in both a masculine role and a feminine role; who distinguishes gender as separate enough from sex such that there is no inherent conflict in being and looking feminine while retaining male physiology; who does not desire to be full-time in either role, but rather needs complementary time in both. Does that make us technically schizoid? In my opinion, no...because of how I regard the concept of "personality."

To me, personality is a dynamic, ever-changing thing, a set of attitudes and behavior patterns that differ, often significantly, with varying situations. At a party with friends I am a humorous, outgoing, talkative person. At a gathering where I know virtually no one, I am usually shy, even withdrawn, quietly observant. At work I am analytical, serious but witty, and deeply absorbed, dedicated to leadership. If you were to interview people from each of these situations, they would describe what would seem like three different people, yet they are all me, just different facets of the same overall personality. Various combinations of my many personality traits are brought forth in reaction to my changing surroundings.

After a time, if I try to be sensitive to my total needs, I learn that I must balance my time in a variety of environments to maintain a sense of wholeness. And, because my personality is so responsive to my surroundings, I must change these surroundings periodically to achieve the proper results. If I need to sort things out through quiet introspection, I don't go to a party. If I need to relax, I don't go to work. If I need to get a report done to get it off my conscience, I don't sit in front of the TV to do it. Likewise it is difficult for me to release my strong feminine side when I'm not dressed femininely.

Why? Because at a very early age I made a deeply rooted association between feminine personality traits and what I call the feminine aesthetic. The people in my life who demonstrated the feminine attributes which I valued so highly always looked feminine. And this feminine look seemed to be a natural outgrowth of femininity itself: sensitivity, grace, sensuousness, expressiveness, caring, loveliness, valuing beauty in all things, including the self. In my childish innocence I began to express my developing feminine values by mimicking speech, attitude and in this case, clothing. Uh-oh....busted. I was soon taught that, because I was a boy, I couldn't do either thing:

I couldn't act in a feminine manner, nor could I express my femininity through my bodily adornment. But the association between

personality and clothing remained intact, and throughout my formative years my femininity, in this case a significant part of my value system, was suppressed, and my masculinity artificially enhanced.

After years of struggling with an imbalance held in place by cultural pressure, I finally accepted and reclaimed my femininity, recognized its value in my life, and began to understand its link with the feminine aesthetic. By literally surrounding myself with symbols of femininity, I could create a new environment, a viaduct through which my suppressed feminine personality could now be brought out and allowed to develop. A kind of back-to-the-future trip through what I call gender adolescence started taking place. Like a teenage girl, I experimented with degrees of sexuality in clothing, going through various stages and then settling on a spectrum of fashion that expresses my own personality (not sexuality) and my particular feminine values and taste. And I feel so much more able to express my individuality with feminine clothing, because there is such great variety from which to choose, a natural consequence of the expressive quality of femininity.

So, am I a different person as "Claire"? No..."she" is just a different facet of the whole me. I'm still the same person you've always known. You're just seeing another part of my whole personality. Perhaps for you Jungian-psychology fans it could be said that Claire is my anima brought to life, and that by constantly trading animus (the subconscious masculine self) and anima (the subconscious feminine self) back and forth into my conscious personality I maintain better communication and balance with the whole self.

Why'd it have to be crossdressing? Because I made that choice in my childish innocence, and it can't be reversed. And, frankly, I don't want it reversed. I was artificially conditioned away from my natural personality path, and crossdressing just happens to be a very effective means to wholeness for me. I think I speak for countless like me by responding with a deeper and culturally more appropriate question: Why can't it be crossdressing?

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Special Rights
Civil Rights, Gay Rights & The Religious Right

by Judy Osborne

Religious-right people have been inviting shoppers and churchgoers all over Washington state this year to place their names on two new initiatives for November's ballot. The personable representatives manning the tables claim that homosexuals are agitating for "special rights." They say their initiatives will stop homosexuals from pursuing their militant "gay agenda," leaving them with just the normal rights available to every other citizen.

Their arguments sound persuasive, and few citizens seem to take the time to read the actual text. Those who doggedly make their way through the lawyer-talk find the language laced with laudable provisions such as "all Constitutional rights (shall be) protected for every citizen," "people who commit acts of violence...should be prosecuted and appropriately punished," support for teaching "the principles of morality, truth, justice, temperance, humanity and patriotism," and even "equal justice for all." Only a careful reading ferrets out the reality behind the two initiatives. If enacted into law, the initiatives would be disastrous to the lives of transgendered, bisexual, lesbian and gay people in Washington state.

The Washington initiatives identify transgendered people as targets, unlike the earlier anti-gay initiatives in Colorado and Oregon. One of the two actually imposes an extra burden on transsexuals by declaring that "the gender that is established at conception of all persons is the only and natural gender of that person for the duration of the person's life." And that "physical alterations do not affect the natural gender." The measure goes on to prohibit same-sex marriage based on this definition of gender, and refuses to recognize such marriages performed in other jurisdictions.

The two initiatives, applying equally to gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered people (GLBT for the sake of brevity), would:

- void all civil rights laws in the state as they apply to GLBTs;
- prevent any claim of job or housing discrimination based on "inappropriate sexual behavior" plus establish that "objection to homosexuality is a right of conscience and shall not be considered discrimination";
- require courts to deny visitation and custody of minor children to GLBTs in custody hearings. In instances where both parents are determined to be GLBT, the courts could not award the children to either natural parent. Instead, judges would be required to place the children with relatives or foster parents with no visitation by the natural parents. GLBT people would be prohibited from adopting minor children;
- prevent state schools and colleges from teaching or implying that GLBTs have a positive or healthy lifestyle. It follows from the language that GLBT people could not teach at any level;
- require all school, university and public libraries to place into an adults-only section the works by authors such as Walt Whitman, Gertrude Stein, Tennessee Williams or anyone else who is perceived to be GLBT or describes GLBTs as having a positive or healthy lifestyle;
- void enforcement of Washington's Malicious Harassment statute as it applies to hate crimes against GLBTs;
- void all existing private-employer domestic partnership plans;
- ban state support for programs such as AIDS awareness and suicide prevention for GLBT youth;
- enable any citizen of the state to bring suit to enforce these provisions.

The growing pattern of anti-gay initiatives, in Colorado, Oregon, Florida, Idaho, Nevada, Maine, Missouri, Michigan, Montana, Arizona and Washington at the moment, supports the notion that a coordinated national movement is mounting these attacks *The Christian Century* offers the view that, "although the Religious Right's involvement in local politics may look like politics as usual, the ideas motivating its activism are outside the mainstream. The movement's political strategies are fueled by a variety of theological notions that include the rejection of the separation of church and state and a vision of a state in which all activities are conducted 'under the dominion of God.'"[1]

THE RELIGIOUS RIGHT AS A SOCIAL MOVEMENT

Christians must take all the territory that is available with minimal struggle, then surround and isolate each stronghold and prepare to blast

the enemy out of its positions. In the process they must bypass less strategic targets and concentrate on those that are most significant....but let us not stop short until there is a complete restoration of the time-honored traditions of this nation, the complete fall of liberalism, and God's blessings once again upon the land.

Pat Robertson,
The Turning Tide[2]

The early roots of the religious right can be traced back to the evangelists of the previous century and later to conservatives opposed to the nation's slide to the left beginning with Franklin Delano Roosevelt's election to the Presidency in 1932. The modern movement generally is linked to Barry Goldwater's run at the Presidency in 1964, when previously separate elements of the religious right began working together.

The liberal protests of the '60s against the Vietnam War, segregation, and restrictive moral policies helped to coalesce the radical right into a political force when many people who felt they belonged to privileged and superior classes began to see their way of life disappearing. Evangelical Christians at the same time found they could spread their gospel to huge electronic congregations through radio and television. Starting in support of the Goldwater campaign, direct mail genius Richard Viguerie collected a mailing list which enabled the emerging religious right to establish organizations and finance media facilities and programming. George Wallace's 1972 presidential campaign drew an additional mass of followers to the religious right, many appearing to be united against the racial activism of that period.

The process by which the religious right emerged into a political force offers fascinating insights into the ways the media, especially television and radio, can be applied to manipulate the political system. Pat Robertson's "700 Club" began programming to the faithful during the '60s and started accumulating the contributor lists and station clearances which enabled his operations to become the Christian Broadcasting Network. The list of successful televangelists grew over time to include Jim and Tammy Bakker, Jimmy Swaggert, Tim LaHaye and many others. Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority, founded in the late '70s, actually represented a coming together of the more-powerful elements of the religious right into a unified approach to political action, culminating in Pat Robertson's run at the Presidency in 1988.

The initiatives *identify* transgendered as TARGETS

Robertson's rather abject failure in seeking the Presidency caused an abrupt and far-reaching change in the religious-right's political strategy. Robertson and his advisors concluded that only by building a political organization from the ground up could they hope to enact their legislative agenda into law. The anti-gay initiatives in Washington state, along with many other events in our national society, emerged from that new political strategy.

GRASS ROOTS ACTIVISM ON THE RIGHT

Christian Right leaders would deny that their ultimate goal is state power. They have learned that such statements tend to make people nervous. But their actions...creating a dense network of political action committees, think tanks and candidate schools, seizing control of state Republican Parties, and Pat Robertson's run at the Presidency...speak of a broader agenda.

S. L. Gardiner,
Rolling Back Civil Rights[3]

For years the religious right contented itself with uniting to oppose Communism. Countering the country's leftward-leaning that started with Roosevelt came Senator Joe McCarthy's relentless hounding of Communist agents and sympathizers in the '50s, an activity which severely compromised individual rights at the time, and destroyed many lives. McCarthy's decline began when Edward R. Murrow of CBS News exposed him for the demagogue he is widely conceded to have been.

Political leaders throughout history, including Hitler in the '30s, have realized they need a credible enemy to organize masses of people into a bona fide social movement. Communism continued to serve as the enemy which unified the religious right through the '80s. Religious-right leaders already were searching for a new target against which to rally their followers when Communism lost its credibility as a dangerous evil. Although theydeplored many other elements in society, these leaders decided to concentrate on abortion-rights activists as their initial enemy.

A reorientation in strategy was planned and widely circulated to followers. No longer would members of the religious right declaim from street corners in search of converts or quote scriptures to a disinterested public. The strategy targeting abortion concentrated instead on organizing activists through local churches, publishing reasoned mainstream articles, demonstrating at clinics to gain media attention, training and promoting anti-abortion candidates for office, and engaging in other activities common to effective political process. Despite these well-conceived plans, the campaign

encountered more deep-seated opposition than leaders had expected, and over-motivated followers engaged in a pattern of violence which mainstream society found abhorrent.

During the anti-abortion struggle, the religious right became frustrated over effective opposition by feminist groups which their leaders felt included a strong lesbian overtone. Robertson went so far as to complain "clearly the radical feminists and their homosexual allies were using the Trojan horse of equal rights for women to enshrine protection for homosexuals and lesbians into the very Constitution that governs our entire land."[4] Partly out of these frustrations emerged the anti-gay/lesbian campaign. Transgendered people were linked in as an additional target when leaders of the right discovered our existence as a community.

RELIGIOUS RIGHT ORGANIZATIONS

> *The second wave of anti-gay-rights activity arrived with the political rise of the New Right in 1980. Unlike the first wave, however, the second wave works through a sophisticated network of at least fifteen national organizations with right-wing Christian funda-mentalist agendas. These groups frequently distort the true nature of their organizations, rely on dis-credited experts and facts, and conceal from voters the true purpose of their legislation.*
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> ***Harvard Law Review***[5]

Evangelical programming on radio and television supplies the religious right with a highly-visible cash cow which drives their enterprises, but much goes on behind the scenes. No less than the above-mentioned fifteen national organizations are active in promoting the causes of the religious right, themselves linked to a myriad of state and local organizations around the country. The two largest, Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition and James Dobson's Focus on the Family, are themselves subdivided. Both are active in the electronic media and publishing, and both engage in substantial behind-the-scenes activity oriented toward organizing and motivating the faithful and increasing the religious right's political clout.

Focus on the Family (FOF) takes a stand advocating traditional roles for men and women and opposing homosexuality. The organization offers a vast array of radio programs, publications and periodicals. Worthy of particular note are FOF's Community Impact Seminars which provide day-long training and motivational sessions in local communities oriented toward political action. These sessions tend to be very well organized, offering charismatic speakers and excellent take-home materials. One community impact seminar, held just south of Seattle in Tacoma during the initiative campaign, was attended by twelve hundred representatives of churches throughout the Puget Sound area. The organization's numbers are staggering. Focus on the Family's 1,200 employees respond to as many as 50,000 letters per week, prepare one daily broadcast heard on more than 4,000 stations plus six other broadcast series, counsel 1,200 therapists, provide "character-building materials" to almost 22,000 public schools, and send just one of its many publications each month to 1.9 million homes.[6] Though not publicly acknowledged, observers believe that FOF or a related organization also trains the faithful in the techniques of running for political office and managing campaigns, especially in states the religious right is targeting for political action.

The Christian Coalition (CC) is similarly huge, with at least 860 dues-paying chapters active in every state and adding 10,000 new donors every month.[7] While best known for its broadcasting activities, CC is active on many other fronts. Two of these have significant impact on the anti-gay initiatives and freedom in general. One involves preparing a growing number of legal actions against abortion, for school prayer, for many forms of censorship, for the financing of private schools with public money, for anti-gay rights initiatives, and for a conservative social agenda as pursued through the courts. The source of all this legal activity is Robertson's American Center for Law and Justice which, since 1990, has been training ever increasing numbers of religious-right lawyers for the task. Robertson appears to be attempting to overwhelm the resources of the American Civil Liberties Union, which Robertson puts down as "an advocate of crime, pornography, atheism and socialism."[8] The other activity of immediate concern involves the Coalition's growing grass-roots political organizing across the nation, primarily through churches in small towns. The Coalition is not reluctant to brag about its strategy for using this organization in effective ways. As National Field Director Guy Rodgers explained to a reporter from *The Nation*, "In any good voter-turnout election...I'm talking about a Presidential election...only 15 percent of eligible voters determine the outcome...Now in low-turnout elections...city council, state legislature, county commission...the percentage of those who determine who wins can be as low as 6 or 7 percent...Is this sinking in? We don't have to worry about convincing a majority of Americans to agree with us."[9] Robertson himself describes his plans to finish taking over the Republican party by the 1996 election, noting "The religious people in the Republican party will be such a powerful force the party could not change if it wanted to. They will be the party."[10]

Focus on the Family and the Christian Coalition, together with other religious-right organizations sharing similar goals, display a fascinating symbiosis of purpose. Engaged in a variety of tasks such as running think

tanks, organizing women for traditional roles, influencing the media, publishing, and providing useful materials for mainstream schools and churches, the religious-right organizations appear to fit well together into an arrangement that gets all the jobs done. Although vigorously denying any interconnection, many have located their headquarters or branches close to each other in Colorado Springs where they operate alongside an unusual concentration of other conservative organizations.

According to a recent *Seattle Gay News* report, a secret summit meeting took place in Colorado Springs in mid-May among 35 or so religious-right organizations. Backers of at least one of the Washington initiatives attended. Evidently not wishing to be identified, the participants disbanded in haste in the middle of an evening workshop when the local press learned of the meeting. An informant released a roster, documents, and tape recordings of the entire session subsequent to the meeting, and that information formed the basis for a recent report published by the National Gay/Lesbian Task Force.

Representatives of Focus on the Family, the Christian Coalition, Concerned Women for America, Colorado for Family Values, Accuracy in Media, the American Family Association and many other religious-right organizations attended the summit. The planning sessions were centered around encouraging all the organizations to come up with a common strategy and then speak with a single voice. The major purpose of the planning was to "roll back the militant gay agenda" by attacking gays and lesbians by every means possible, including legal action, the schools, the media, initiatives and legislation. Plans were made to attack organizations and individuals which support gay/lesbian causes, with special emphasis being placed on political figures and Christian churches.[11]

STRATEGIES OF THE RELIGIOUS RIGHT

> *My old clients on the religious right were misleading millions of Americans to fear and to hate gay and lesbian people, to discriminate and legislate against us, and inadvertently motivating extremists and crazies to terrorize, abuse, and even kill us...I began to see firsthand the immediate and long-term damage of those antihomosexual broadcasts and sermons, books, magazines, and videos in terms of ruined lives, broken families, and murdered souls.*
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> **Mel White,**
> *Stranger at the Gate*[12]

A typical response to reading the initiatives in Washington state tends to be, "they can't do that...it's not Constitutional!" Most likely that's true, although portions of the initiatives could be spared the ax. The first statewide anti-gay initiative to gain voter approval, Amendment 2 in Colorado, was struck down by the District Court and is making its way through the appeals process. While no one doubts that the religious right would like its initiatives enacted into law, simple voter approval would constitute a significant victory and spread the strategy to additional states. One can imagine the right's stridency in proclaiming that the "liberal courts" are once again thwarting the "will of the people." If our downfall actually does become the will of the people, the legal philosophy of the courts can be expected to change as new judges are appointed. Discriminatory legislation is likely to become the law of the land under this scenario. In the meantime, as demonstrated in Colorado since voter passage of their anti-gay amendment, crimes of hate can be expected to increase.[13]

Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people offer a handy target to the religious right for several reasons. Despite some recent progress, many people continue to feel deep-seated emotions about us which can be fanned into flames with relative ease. Further, our numbers appear to be smaller than those of pro-choice advocates or several other potential targets, causing us to appear more vulnerable. Perhaps most useful to the religious right is our current progress in seeking acceptance and opposing discrimination, which enables leaders on the right to portray us as an activist enemy, a threat to the established order.

The religious-right campaign suggests that we are seeking some kind of undefined "special rights," a claim that damages us. The term conjures up in the minds of disinterested observers the notion that our communities are seeking affirmative action or quota hiring or something equally disliked. "Special rights" is emblazoned on almost every bit of campaign literature from the right and discussed at every opportunity. Members of the public invariably begin discussing the initiatives by saying, "I don't think homosexuals should have special rights," indicating the term's effectiveness. One of the two initiatives even goes so far as to state its sponsor's name as "The Washington Committee for Equal Rights, Not Special Rights."

A number of other strategies damage us in similar fashion. The religious right goes to great lengths to link people who harm nobody with people who do great damage to others. The "North American Man-Boy Love Association" is cited frequently in religious-right literature. While impartial authorities are virtually unanimous in noting that pedophilia is primarily a heterosexual aberration, religious-right literature describes pedophilia simply as a homosexual issue of note. The Oregon campaign strayed so far in trying to link homosexuality

with pedophilia that it strained even the credibility of its most ardent supporters by predicting "if society accepts homosexuality as normal, pedophilia will achieve the same status by the end of the century."[14]

As another highly-effective strategy, the religious-right literature insists we can choose to be who we are and can be cured of our "sins." By hammering at this theme, the right demonstrates its compassionate way of hating the "sin" but loving the "sinner" and generates fear that we will recruit children into our "lifestyles." In still another recurring theme, the religious right routinely portrays itself as an underdog whose values are being attacked by militant homosexuals, an unsympathetic press, and the "liberal establishment." The religious right displays the extreme fringes of our lifestyles in disparaging ways. Videotapes are shown constantly of heavily edited "slices-of-life" depicting drag queens in exaggerated poses, bare-breasted lesbians, men kissing and fondling each other, signs advocating man-boy love relationships, gays loudly demanding a panoply of rights far beyond the tolerance of mainstream society, and scenes mocking deeply held religious beliefs. The large majority of responsible and moral members of our communities are never shown. The video technique can be likened to one showing scenes of brothels, S&M dungeons, Mardi Gras, and Tailhook parties to demonstrate heterosexuality.

With the possible exception of Pat Robertson's pronouncements, the publications and public statements of the religious right tend to sound positive and constructive. Though these statements are based frequently on erroneous premises, the arguments sound reasonable and convincing. Much widely distributed religious-right material focuses on positive issues and offers information of real value to schools and mainstream congregations.

The anti-gay-rights campaigns tend to begin quietly. Typically, a state campaign organizes pastors and congregations of sympathetic rural churches beginning a year or more before publicity is generated which might alert liberal urban centers. Having discovered that early publicity tends to focus opposition, the religious right prefers to wait until the last possible moment before announcing its intentions. Leaders tend to delay a media blitz until just before an election to prevent debate or even reply. The national campaign has a similarly low-key nature. As Christian Coalition Director Ralph Reed puts it, "We're flying below radar."[15]

The religious right intends to take its legislative agenda far beyond its anti-gay-rights strategy to forge a national grassroots political organization. As noted by Robertson, "those on the Left have tried to convince the American people that our founding documents warned of the dangers of mixing politics and religion. They have thus misled millions and worked against the public interest by damaging the commitment to ethics and moral values that come only through religious belief."[16] The religious right openly acknowledges that it hopes to elect its followers first to local, to state and finally to national office in order to pursue its agenda. We serve for the moment to help unite the legions of the faithful in that cause.

THE PROGNOSIS FOR WASHINGTON STATE

A faction of extremists are planning a broad assault on the very values that have made us a strong, vibrant society. They narrowly choose to judge people by what group they belong to, rather than on their individual merits. They have vowed to import their campaign of hate, deception, dissension and division to Washington state, starting with an attack on the civil rights of lesbian and gay people...The threat goes far beyond the civil rights of lesbians and gay men. This 'Cultural War' attacks some of our most basic freedoms: the right to live and work where you want, the right to walk down the street without fear of verbal or physical attack.

Mike Lowry,
Governor, State of Washington[17]

Two years ago a similar campaign was pursued at Washington's southern border in Oregon. Lon Mabon led the Oregon Citizen's Alliance in a nearly successful effort to pass an initiative which would have eliminated the rights of gays and lesbians plus required all state-supported schools to teach that homosexuality is "abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse." The gay and lesbian (and yes, transgender) communities in Oregon fought a pitched battle in opposition to the initiatives, with help from other states, including Washington. Lesbian and gay leaders from Washington realized during that campaign that Mabon was planning to sponsor a similar initiative in our state during the 1994 election. Hands-Off-Washington was formed in opposition roughly two months after the Oregon initiative narrowly lost at the polls. The early notice provided time to establish an effective counter force.

The Washington campaign started in typical fashion with the religious right working quietly through churches in rural communities, motivating parishioners to support, finance and work for the initiatives. Much was made of the "threat" we pose to society. Inflammatory videos such as "The Gay Agenda," "The Gay Agenda in Public Education," and "Civil Rights/Special Rights," were widely shown on TV sets balanced upon pulpits.

Hands-Off-Washington resisted the impulse to organize first in the greater Seattle area where our numbers are strong and the

population liberal. Instead, the organization found allies in the same small towns in which the religious right was active and built a counter force. The strategy prevented the religious right from preaching its hatred unimpeded as courageous individuals all over the state stood up to speak in opposition to the initiatives, to write to their local newspapers and to offer countering views on radio and television.

Hands-Off-Washington finally arrived in our state's urban areas in late summer and early fall of 1993 and set out to bring the various elements of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities together into a common purpose, a massive task given our diversity. It turned out to be a great help to have an enemy against which we could so easily unite ourselves. Since then a huge amount of effective organizing by precinct and by task has been carried out. HOW has done considerable research on the most effective ways to counter the arguments of the religious right. Much of the political establishment has been drawn to our cause, and the Democratic Party opposes the initiatives. Many leaders of the general community are sympathetic. All of the state's mainstream churches denounced the initiatives as "sinful and morally intolerable" in a letter sent to 1,700 parishes and congregations, attracting a blast back from representatives of the religious right claiming that the letter was a "blatant distortion" filled with "clichés and half-truths."[18]

To fully represent our own community, the two largest transgender organizations in Washington, The Emerald City and the Ingersoll Gender Center, joined a number of other transgendered individuals and groups last November to form what became known as the Transgender Caucus. The TG Caucus has continued to meet regularly. Our members have joined the King County (Seattle and vicinity) Steering Committee and various other organizing efforts. Many members of the transgender community have been working in the Hands-Off-Washington state office, the speakers' bureau, community information projects, fund raising parties, political caucuses and an auction. We have been welcome to help in either gender and are given respect and acceptance as soon as we do something to earn it. Some of us even engage in different activities in different genders, either for our personal security or just because we don't have time to dress up. The transgender community has raised a considerable amount for the campaign, including a substantial donation from our NWGA sister-organization in Oregon.

Polls were taken late in April by initiative backers and by Hands-Off-Washington. Both polls agreed that one of the two initiatives would win by about eleven percent if the election were held at that time. Concern about our underdog position was heightened by the data from Colorado and Oregon which showed a bias against us. The bias results from a tendency on the part of some people to avoid admitting homophobia to a questioner but to practice it anyway in the privacy of a voting booth. It was evident that the "no special rights" theme was hurting us. Research indicated that voters felt gays and lesbians already had protection against job and housing discrimination and were asking for some undefined kind of affirmative action. When the theme behind the initiatives was rephrased to make it clear that the issue is discrimination, the ability of employers to fire us and landlords to evict us and a mandate to the schools to censor anything positive about our lifestyles, the public opposed the initiatives by a wide margin.

As a first line of defense against the initiatives, Hands-Off-Washington and the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities mounted a three-fold effort to prevent the initiatives from even reaching the November ballot. Under the leadership of the Washington Association of Churches, the State Supreme Court was asked to find the initiatives unconstitutional and remove them from voter

Here's What You Can Do To Help

Become informed:

Read the referenced publications,

Really listen to religious-right broadcasts,

Put yourself on Christian Coalition and Focus on the Family mailing lists,

Call your friends in rural communities to find out what the religious right is doing,

Become active:

Influence your organization to become involved with local and state politics,

Reach out to the lesbian, gay and bisexual and the larger transgender communities in your location to gain solidarity before you need it,

Attend political events, especially Republican party caucuses and meetings,

Help defeat the Washington initiatives to prevent their spread elsewhere, or just because you care.

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consideration. This effort was unsuccessful. In a second strategy, groups named variously "Decline-To-Sign" and "Bigot-Busters" were trained and poised to show up whenever signature gatherers appear to counter the misinformation being given to potential signers. In a third bold move, Hands-Off-Washington mounted a surprise media campaign in late June stressing the discriminatory nature of the initiatives and asking people not to sign. Each of the initiatives requires 181,667 signatures to reach the ballot. The religious right has had trouble collecting enough signatures thanks in large degree to the last two strategies.

A last-minute infusion of money from as yet undisclosed sources enabled initiative backers to hire professional gatherers to be paid by the signature and to mount their own media campaign containing graphic sexual references and complaining about the "severe health risks" we pose to the population. Despite the mystery financing, one of the initiatives fell far short of the required number of signatures. Backers of the other finally conceded within hours of the July 8 deadline that they had not collected enough signatures, and neither measure will be on the ballot this fall.

Our respite will be short. Backers of both initiatives plan to continue their campaign, most likely by submitting similar initiatives to the state legislature in 1995. A little-used facet of the law requires only 90,000 signatures for such a submission. The legislature can respond by passing the initiative, submitting it to the voters, or writing their own version.

Hands-Off-Washington intends to stay in business. According to Charlie Brydon, president of Hands-Off-Washington's parent organization, "The board of directors long ago made the decision that Hands-Off-Washington would continue in existence as long as this attack goes on. The radical right has made it clear they're not going to stop after just one defeat. They come back again and again, as we've seen in Oregon."[19]

Our struggle here in a remote corner of the country is significant to transgender, lesbian, bisexual and gay people everywhere. Should the religious right be allowed to win here, their campaign can be expected to show up in additional states soon. Our struggle is significant to pro-choice, environmental, feminist, and other liberal interests because these groups already have been named as additional targets. And our struggle is significant to society because our Constitution, and our freedom to find our own moral pathways so long as we do no harm to others, are both under attack.

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PRIDE

Pride

by Nancy Reynolds Nangeroni

Thank you, my friends everywhere, for inviting me to this party. Without you, I would still be cowering in shame.

Someone once asked me, *"Are you really **queer**?"*

And I said, *"Honey, I'm **transsexual**.*

*If that **isn't** queer, I don't know what is."*

And they asked me,

*"Are you **REALLY** proud to be **Transgendered**?"*

And I said, *"Am I **PROUD**?*

You mean, am I proud to be **UNCOVERING THE TRUTH about gender**?

Am I proud to be **EXPOSING BELIEFS that are not true**?

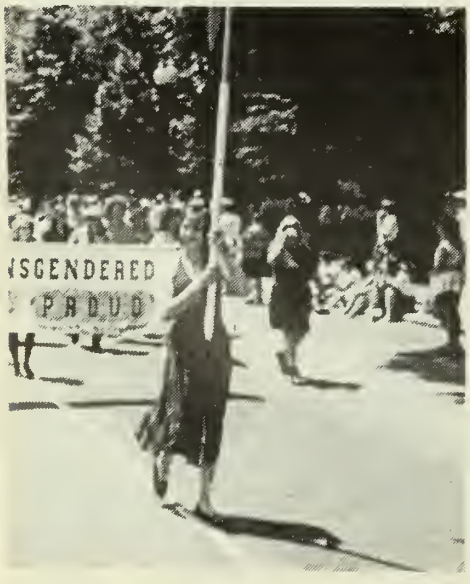
Am I proud to have **MADE PEACE with myself, and to be SHARING it with others**?

Am I proud to be **PURSUING A LIFE that keeps me GROWING**?

Am I proud to have **FOUND THE COURAGE** to show my **true nature**?

And am I proud to be **ASSOCIATED with others LIKE MYSELF**?

YOU'RE DAMNED RIGHT I'M PROUD!



So, to all those who **still hide** their true beauty,
To those who **care** about **where** our society is heading,
And especially those who **fear** for the **welfare** of their **families**,

Hear us today and **take heart**. Whatever your COLOR, SIZE, ABILITY, BELIEFS, ORIGIN, LANGUAGE, INCOME, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, or your SPECIAL INTEREST, join with us in cultivating **PRIDE** and **FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION** for **EVERYONE**.

***Time:** Twenty-five years ago this month. Place: A little bar in Greenwich Village, New York City. Police are hassling a woman wearing men's clothing. There were some bricks. There were some drag queens. Result: The gay liberation movement begins.*

***Time:** 1594. Place: What is now Panama. The conquistador Balboa sees men dressed as women. He calls them sodomites, and orders them eaten alive by his dogs. A Spanish official in Lima calls it "A fine action of an honorable and Catholic Spaniard."*

***Time:** 1431. Place: Rouen, France. Thousands of people gather to watch Joan of Arc burn*

Transgender. It's a term which is new to many of you. But we transgendered people are as old as history itself. We are a living, breathing part of the community, and we have taken and continue to take our licks along with our gay, lesbian, and bisexual brothers and sisters. Many of us in fact identify as gay, lesbian, or bisexual.

Who are transgendered people? You know us as transsexuals, transvestites, drag queens, and butches. We are people who are uncomfortable with the binary system of gender imposed upon us by this society. Some of us just want to dress the way that we want, and some of us want to change our bodies. Some of us know exactly who we are, and others are still sorting it out. But on both local and national levels we have come together as a people. We have come out of that dark and shameful place,

'94 Pride Address

by Dallas Denny

at the stake. Her crime: Being a heretic and a witch, in other words, wearing men's clothing.

Time: *January, 1994. Place: Richardson County, Nebraska. Brandon Teena is just another young man popular with the girls until police leak the news that he has a female anatomy. He is then raped by two local men. Brandon reports the rape. The police do nothing. A week later, Brandon and two friends are murdered by the same two men.*

Time: *Now. Place: Washington state. A coalition of fundamentalists is working to pass an initiative which would deny civil rights to gay men and lesbians. The initiative includes wording which defines post-operative transsexual*

the closet, and have begun to own who we are and to claim our place in the world. Like Joan of Arc, we are warriors, and we have begun to fight for our right to be ourselves. We are here, and we are queer, and we are *not* going to go away. We have much to offer the gay and lesbian and bisexual community, and much to learn from it. Your enemies are our enemies. We are *with* you and we are *of* you. We are proud to be a part of Pride '94.

Speech given at Atlanta, Georgia Gay & Lesbian Pride '94

by Holly Boswell

Transgendered people have a very simple message to share with everyone: Sex is between our legs, but gender is between our ears. Think about that...simple, yes, but how liberating!

Gender isn't just black or white, masculine or feminine. Gender is a glorious rainbow of human diversity. The expression of one's true gender is personal, intuitive, and ever-changing. There can be no rules.

Transgendered people feel this most profoundly. We are crossdressers, transsexuals, transgenderists, androgynous beings, and all manner of gender-benders. We are gay, straight and roundabout, and we comprise up to 5% of the population. We are everywhere—always have been and always will be. Like you, we are part of Nature.

I came out in the Gay Community, and will be forever grateful for the welcome you gave me. We have gay, lesbian and bisexual people coming out in the Transgender Community. We overlap. We are family. Our histories are intertwined—not just since Stonewall, but throughout all human existence. We have been persecuted alongside you by the same people who try to shape humanity to their own image, denying our right to be ourselves so they can maintain their power.

We are proud to stand here with you today in celebration of our diversity. And you can be proud that you have embraced us as family—embraced our cause as your own, and embraced the name of "transgender" in the spirit of honoring both our diversity, and our commonality. Our brothers and sisters at Stonewall could learn

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something about *inclusiveness* from all of us here in North Carolina, and so could the world.

We in the Transgender Community are at a pivotal time in our history. We are moving from the guilt and shame of coping with our so-called "problem," to self-acceptance, pride and joy, and the actualization of our unique human potential. We are organizing, and becoming self-aware as a community. The liberation we are achieving for ourselves is a process we are now beginning to share with others. We say, "Reject sex-role stereotyping. Discover your own truth and beauty. Lighten up. Be yourself. Move from fear to love. Become *whole*-gendered." As we heal ourselves, we can heal the world.

So we are not here today to talk about what we do in our bedrooms, or closets, but what goes on in our everyday lives—about moving from "invisibility to equality." As a transgendered lesbian, I knew that as long as I was in the closet, no one really cared. But I also knew that unless I was able to express the true range of who I was in public, I was a hypocrite, and less than a complete person. I have come out, and people have accepted me.

This day is about the freedom to express who we are in all facets of our lives. It is about the acceptance of our diversity, based on our common humanity. We share much more in common than we are different. And when we can see each other as *humans,* we can accept the colorful range of viewpoints and talents we each bring to the rainbow.

I am here today to connect with you, my fellow humans, to say out loud that gay, lesbian, bi or transgendered, we refuse to hide. We must let our true selves shine in the world. Society needs all of the talent and energy that we can bring, and we can only bring that when we show up fully as complete and happy human beings.

Transgender Honesty

by Callan Williams

How do you explain transgender? It's not an easy question, yet it is a question we have all had to ask ourselves. We were children, and we knew that we were different, yet for most of us, there was no one we could talk to about that difference. There was no easy place to get answers, no simple set of truths that we could check to understand ourselves.

Thankfully, for all of us who spent a lot of time looking between Transvaal and Transylvania in the card catalogue for Transvestite, the only subject with even a listing for a long time. Things are changing. We can thank the work of the pioneers for this, and be happy that kids growing up today will not have nearly as hard a time as we did, though it is still not easy.

But with the lack of information, we all had to invent our own answers, develop our own systems of understanding to give our world a context. And because there were going to be big blank spaces in our knowledge, we had to fill in the gaps with our own fabrications.

And those gaps were big. Why did we have to do something that was plainly, clearly and patently wrong by the definitions of society? Why did we have to do something that put us at risk and upset our families and friends? Why did we have to be outside the norm?

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We used every trick we could find to get answers to those questions. We constructed our own theory of gender, and our own definition of what was acceptable. It is amazing what the human mind can do when it goes to work. We see what we choose to see, and we all had to do some fancy choosing to be comfortable with what we had to do to express our transgender. There were so many blocks and barriers that we had to stop seeing them, or we would have been incapacitated.

In *The Big Chill,* Jeff Goldblum's character believes that rationalizations are more important than sex. His evidence? "Have you ever gone a week without a rationalization?" I know that no transgendered person ever has. We had to learn to deny the problems and focus on some solution that we hoped would be workable, just to survive. If we couldn't find a way to manage our transgender, the results would be depression, and sometimes death.

So we all learned how to build our own worlds. Maybe it was a world to show to others, hiding the secrets we were taught were shameful. Maybe it was a fantasy world where we go to be beautiful, or didn't have pressure, or were the woman of our dreams, or whatever. Or maybe it was some other world we built for our survival.

These worlds are precious to us, and fragile. They were the counterweights for our sanity, bubbles of peace in a crazy world. But all of these worlds were based somewhat outside reality. We saw things in a unique and different light. We looked better in the mirror, or nobody noticed us in the mall, or there wasn't a hint of a problem, or something. We were, at least a little bit, in denial of the truth. We learned to lie, and if we told the lie long enough and loud enough, to ourselves or to others, we began to believe it. It was the only way we could protect our feelings.

Other conceptions were built on our own pillars. And where anyone started to ask questions that questioned the assumptions our world was based on, we got scared. And we fought back, tooth and nail. I'm a heterosexual crossdresser, and as long as I never think about men, I'm OK. I'm a woman, I have always been a woman, so there. I am expressing my femininity, and if you say one thing, I'll pound you out!

"The real reason transsexuals stay away from each other is because we threaten the hell out of each other," says Kate Bornstein in her groundbreaking book, *Gender Outlaw.* "We call into question the basic assumptions in each other's lives."

One of the primary beliefs in most systems, including, for example, recovery, is that getting to honesty is the only way to effectively deal with the world. This is very difficult for transgendered people, who have been trained to keep secrets, to build pretty, if unreal faces. We believe that if we tell the truth, we will be punished, ostracized, marginalized, even criminalized. This is a very potent fear.

But recovery understands this. It does not require us to tell the whole unvarnished truth to everyone we meet. It is sufficient to tell it to just one person, to learn to tell the truth in a safe space. We can maintain our privacy, while embracing our honesty.

Magic happens as we begin to be truthful. We begin to heal, and we begin to be able to tolerate the truth from others. We spend our energy getting ourselves in harmony, rather than maintaining a shield of fear. We finally are able to get in touch with who we really are, rather than who we have pretended to be.

When we come naked and honest to the world, dropping the deceits that we thought protected us, a wonderful thing happens. People begin to see us as full and complete humans, and glimpse our inner beauty. They see a whole person, and are able to respond to us that way. The walls of rationalizations we put up to keep out what we fear also keep out love, and dropping the walls we let in love.

We have learned to lie for survival. But survival is never enough. It is crucial that we learn to tell the truth for happiness.

What is Hypnosis?

by Jeanne M. West

Hypnosis, first of all, is not what you may think. It is a placid state, a wonderful state, an altered state of consciousness. It is a state in which you participate because you want to. Hypnosis is a state of heightened suggestibility, concentration, visualization, emotional involvement, serenity, imagination and trust. These are the keys with which to bring your subconscious under your conscious control and make your dreams and the changes you desire in your life a reality. You learn to suggest to your subconscious mind what it is you really want, a clear definite picture of your hopes, plans and goals to create a reality.

Hypnosis can also be a technique wherein listening places one into a deep, pleasant, altered state of consciousness, in which both mind and body are completely relaxed. In this relaxed, pleasant, passive state, this most receptive condition, the subconscious mind is ready and willing to accept good, positive suggestions that create the very reality of your most cherished goals, dreams and desires. Your subconscious is not rational. It accepts all suggestions, but acts upon the most emotional and impressive ones. It is powerful.

There is nothing mystic about this power. It is a power we all possess, each and everyone of us. The fact that you are moved to tears or sadness over a sad movie, or become deeply engrossed in your newspaper, or an exciting book, or you missed your turnoff on the freeway or arrived at your destination with no recall of what happened in between clearly indicates a heightened state of suggestibility, a state of hypnosis.

It is a natural process, but an altered state of consciousness. Your critical factor, the conscious mind, is temporarily inactive when you become emotionally involved or have concentrated your attention on something. Your subconscious believes and accepts suggestions with enthusiasm and conviction during this period of selective concentration, and prepares to act on them. Always give your suggestions in the positive and past tense because the subconscious does not deal with time and space as the conscious mind does. When the will and the subconscious are in conflict (the subconscious is our emotional seat, our imagination), the subconscious always wins the battle.

It is relatively easy to train your subconscious mind to become receptive to new suggestions, so that new positive patterns are reprinted in your brain, and all habits and emotions are kept under your control. This is much simpler than using conscious will power. As I said before, when the two are in conflict, the subconscious always wins.

You must remember one thing—all hypnosis is self-hypnosis. The burden of going into hypnosis rests on you. I can only suggest and lead the way. You enter this pleasant, altered state because you wish to participate and enjoy it and its realities. Self-hypnosis is relatively simple. It is so simple that only about 10% of us just don't get it. It cannot be learned intellectually. You get a feel for it. It does require intelligence, emotional participation, imagination and trust in ourselves.

It takes an ability to learn to like ourselves, feel worthy, deserving, confident, secure and happy. Some of us get it quickly, some take a little longer, but do learn to trust themselves. They realize they use this power of suggestion constantly and have many times, and now realize that we call it hypnosis. I'll give you a hint on how to grasp self-hypnosis, just listen and let it happen. Let this wonderful, relaxing feeling sweep over you. Don't try, just let it happen. This sounds ridiculous, I know.

Usually, when we don't succeed at something, we are told to try harder. This time just relax and let your subconscious do it for you. Learn to let it happen. Let this pleasant feeling flow over you. Don't try to make it happen. Allow it to happen. Those who try the least and are passive, get it the easiest. It's just like letting yourself fall asleep. You can't make yourself go to sleep. All during my classes I will tell people to just let it happen, and if they do this, it will happen so easily. You will certainly enjoy this lovely state of consciousness and all its benefits.

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Passive Feminity

by Cynthia Phillips

This is a subject near and dear to my heart. I see it and hear about it from wives ALL the time! I know many women that have no real problem with the clothes, but the problem stems from the action, the behavior of the crossdresser when he is dressed.

They often turn into simpering little flowers whose main concern is what color lipstick to wear with what outfit. Now, there is nothing wrong with wanting to look your best, but give us a break! If you want to emulate us, take another look! I know, you think I'm going to bring up my "Sweet Sixteen" theory again, well...if you have not seen the "Sweet Sixteen" pamphlet we put out through the auspices of the Boulton & Park Society, send a SSAE and I will be glad to send you one.

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Anyway, back to my subject. I hear complaints from women such as, "I feel like I have to be in *charge* when he is dressed....Why can't he just act relaxed?...I don't like making decisions *for* him....He is always looking in the mirror and not paying a bit of attention to what I am saying....I feel I have to protect us both when we are out in public....I get tired of having to do all the driving when he's dressed, and when he's *not* dressed he won't let me behind the wheel." Well, you get the drift.

What I've listed above are cases of Passive Femininity. Many women consider this an insult. Women today are much more aggressive, and even though the male may be crossdressed, she
does not expect him to be passive.

"How do I handle this problem?" you ask. I would suggest you take a cue from the woman in your life. How does she handle "being a woman"? If she is more comfortable dressed in casual attire, how do you think she will feel about you wearing "dressy" clothes around the house? I would suggest you "tone down" your outfits when you are with her. Tell her you like her taste (even if it's not your favorite), and ask for her advice. If you have an occasion to go out in public with your lady, and she is short, don't wear 3" heels; tone down your makeup; and no micro-mini-skirts! Remember, less is better (except in the case of fabrics).

Speaking of mini-skirts...I've had many crossdressers tell me that they wear them because, "I have great looking legs, and I want to show them off." Well, here we go again. True, many of you do have nice legs, but it takes special legs to look good in short skirts. Many of you have muscular legs, and when you put on heels, it makes the muscles bulge. Trust me, this is not, "Good looking." Oh, oh, I got completely off my subject of Passive Femininity didn't I?

Okay, new paragraph, back to the subject. Another issue on the subject of Passive Femininity, yes, I'm going to talk about "dressing for bed." I've had *more* complaints from women on this subject. Of course, we have *many* women that can't tolerate their mates "dressing" for bed (and that's another article). But the women that can tolerate it complain that their mates often come to bed in some Frederick's-of-Hollywood little number, complete with hose, garter belt, overstuffed bra, and heels! Now think about that. Is that how your wife dresses for bed? Probably not! Why put this strain on your relationship? To add insult to injury, many women tell me that when HE dresses this way for bed he expects HER to get excited. Come on!!! If my Linda dressed this way for bed she would be sleeping in another room! If you "dress" for bed, keep it simple, believe me, we will appreciate it!

Do Linda and I practice what I preach? You bet! As most of you know, Linda is "dressed" most of the time, but we still relate as husband and wife, and great friends. She always is concerned about my feelings, and I, therefore, am concerned about hers. She never overdresses when we go out in public, as she knows this is something I'm not comfortable with. She helps me clean house (not in a maid's uniform) in a T-shirt and jeans, just as I am dressed. In other words, she is very concerned with my feelings. We don't have a lopsided relationship. We both give as much as we get. Don't let all of this depress you. Remember, we have been married 35 years, and we pretty much have our act together. But, we never quit trying to improve ourselves for the other person. It keeps a marriage/relationship fresh. While I still have your attention, let's talk about Bondage and Discipline. "Oh, Great!" you say, "One of my favorite subjects. NOW we can talk about what being a Real Woman is all about." Wrong! Having a paid "Mistress" teach you how to be a woman and making you dress is a complete turnoff for most women. We are not going to make you do anything (except, maybe, get up and go to work each morning). This is NOT what "real" women are about. We see this as pure and simple GUILT. This is demeaning and sexist. If you truly want to get in touch with your femininity, you don't do it at the wrong end of a whip!

If you are on the Passive Femininity train, jump off! It's headed nowhere. If you simply try to be a friend to your mate (or potential girlfriend), you will reap the rewards, and receive respect from the lady in your life.

Be willing to have it so;
acceptance of what has happened is
the first step to overcoming the
consequences of any misfortune.
- William James

Relief In The Face of Fear

by Jamie Lee Gregory

I can't help remembering how much I wanted "out of the closet." I remember, too, my big day arriving and taking that courageous first step was at a gender convention, the safest place on Earth. Yet, the fear and uncertainty were intoxicating.

That step towards fulfillment was long ago, but the memories of that most eventful of days make it seem as though it were only yesterday. Once "out," or as I prefer, experiencing emotional freedom, I vowed never to return to the little dark room that housed my most feared secret.

Today, I feel a wholeness I never felt before. I'm much happier today for taking that major first step, and the subsequent steps thereafter. I am preparing myself for those yet to come. Each additional step taken was not easy. In fact, each required more courage than any previously taken. At times, I began to wonder if I'm going to run out of courage before I'm through.

I had a compelling need to discuss my gender issues with my family and children. I didn't want them to hear about my issues from another source. Excluding the work environment, I live mostly as a woman, eventually going full-time. In that situation, they would never have understood.I knew they would be hurt by my admission, but their pain would have been much greater had they found out from another source. My admission reduced the risk of rejection and allowed for communication between us and was followed by tolerance and understanding from everyone.

Some of my family are still coping, but they have come a tremendous distance in their understanding during the last year-and-a-half. They have given me their support and assurance that they will never reject me because of my lifestyle.

In discussing this with my friends, a few are not supportive, and that is to be expected, but I have not lost any real friends. They are not concerned by what I wear, but know me as a person and do not treat me any differently than before.

One of the concerns shared by two dear friends of mine in their respectfully written articles, Lauren and Divinity, were the ways in which my life would become changed as a result of my appearing on a nationally-televised talk show.

Change did occur in a way I could not have imagined. The step I had been forced to take took more courage than I ever thought I had.

At work, people had noticed my nails and eyebrows. Suspicions had begun in many of them. My departure for New York required the director of my department to accommodate an early release from work. (I had informed the producers of the show that my employer was unaware of my lifestyle, and they told him the focus of the show was on an unrelated issue.) In no time, nearly the entire company knew of my impending television appearance. This is a major corporation. Sometime after the show was taped, people became more suspicious, putting the pieces together (my nails, eyebrows, and the show itself). Rumors began to spread rapidly throughout the company, ranging from crossdressing to sex-reassignment surgery, making its way to the CEO's office. At this point, I had no option but to disclose my lifestyle. I held a separate meeting with my supervisor and director, and later with the CEO. I received understanding and support from everyone in the chain of command who needed to know. The CEO and my immediate supervisors have told me that I am protected by law from discrimination.

I was overcome with numbness and disbelief for several days. This is a very conservative company, and I was unable to comprehend this type of response. Afterward, realizing how fortunate I was, I cried harder than I ever had before. I had never known such total relief.

Yes, my life has most certainly changed, giving me that sense of relief in knowing it is all over and that I can get on with my life. In knowing that I have essentially resolved both family and employment issues, I can continue my search for my level of comfort with peace of mind. I, too, am concerned about the ways my life will be changed and the direction my life will take in the future. I find myself most fortunate to have the support of family, friends, and employer. Such an occurrence is surely a rarity. I pray the support that I received will continue to last as my life takes on new meaning and I find even more comfort in my desired direction in life.

A Lifetime's Journey In A Few Hundred Feet

by Linda Lee

In September of 1992 I was satisfied in my life's choices, but saddened by hope unfulfilled. I was surrounded by good people, yet stood alone. I turned everywhere and found no place to stop, but I continued turning. I was loved, but only by half. That was my dilemma just one year ago. I was a mystery to myself and thus becoming a mystery to others. There was so little known and that which I'd held to be facts were little more than guesses and brief observations that became my facts. "How could this be?" was a question I'd posed to each form of God I'd believed in over the years. With no answer given, I turned to blame. There was a dominant mother, an absent father, a bad chromosome, something in the waters taken sometime near my conception. I walked in a split universe. The one by chance that gave me my gender, and another that said it was in conflict with something else. A universe I'd taken brief views of, but never acknowledged. I'd see glimpses of another world that would make me more comfortable, were I to step into it. But, too hateful to life that I should even want to take that step. If only I could find that door, I prayed, that would let me pass through. Always followed with another that hoped the door remained hidden.

When I made that first call to a crisis hot line, it was one of desperation, confusion and hope. More hope than any other feeling. I enjoyed life for the most part and wanted that much of it to continue. I'd lived with the other feelings for forty-two years with its start-point at near age five with my first of many stolen clothes. Held in check, most times, with a strength for others to envy. So I felt somewhat secure that another block of time could pass with this feeling held in the background. Yet I was becoming desperate to not waste what I was coming to believe, if somewhat reluctantly, was another gift from God. A God with a great, if not somewhat twisted, "sense of humor."

That first phone call was answered in two long rings, but before any exchange could occur, following the announcement, I hung up. My second dial was more difficult, and now shaking hands forced three attempts. That voice without a face came on after a time: "Talk to me," it said,"I may be able to help." My throat failed me in my first attempt, and mumbling reinforced by fear known only in my worst nightmares, gripped every word I tried to get out. That voice had been taught patience and I gave into it: "I need to talk with someone!" took every once of courage I'd ever possessed. "What would you like to talk about?" That voice again. I wanted to give that voice everything, every detail, every question I'd had, confess every act I'd committed and let it take from me all my self-possessed pain. I knew that voice would understand. I knew that voice had every answer. I hung up. I was a coward and I knew that was not so. I'd faced death head-on many times in the past and bravely. I'd been the first out and back into a crushed and burning helicopter while in the service. A worthy pilot during that first engine failure in my Piper. I was not a coward in those things, so again I dialed.

Now a third time. That same voice, a life long friend now, waiting for me to tell him everything. "Talk to me, I think I can help." Oh, God, if that were only true, I thought. And then, turning the light off, drawing the curtain and cupping the phone behind a locked door girded me. I had a lifetime of fear with this and it had a firm grip once, but I talked.

"Can you, tell me if there is any organization, group or individual that I might be able to call about something?"

"Can you be more specific?" Wasn't that clear? I thought, tracing back over the question. I started again and gave my statement as I would to a small child.

"Look, I've heard about these guys that crossdress, you know, they wear women's clothing."

"Yes, I've heard of them." I paused waiting for his condemning social comment, but none came, so I said to him what only God then knew: 'I...I think I'm one of them. But wait, because that can't be true. I'm married and have three kids, ride motorcycles, drive a pickup truck, hunt, fish, keep my hair short and can raise a decent beard in two weeks and I like girls! So can you help?" There, I'd said it, and now someone knew. I would never be able to take it back. At that very moment, I believed the call was being traced and some agency was mapping my location recording my confession for later playback. I'd be ruined for life: Loss of my job, divorce, cut off from family and friends, a life in the streets amongst the other dregs and mentally afflicted. A detailed view flared in my mind's eye before his response.

"Yes, there are several. What city are you calling from?" What? Choices? Several? How could that be when I was the only one suffering from this affliction?

"I'm currently working in San Jose, but live in Red Bluff." That voice, now my best friend ever and forever and still no name.

"There's Rainbow Gender Association in San Jose, Educational TV Channel in San Francisco, Diablo Valley Girls in Concord and Sacramento Gender Association in Sacramento," followed with each phone number. "And there's a very good magazine out called *Tapestry* that has a bunch more information, names and contacts in it." I could hardly stand. Associations by definition were groups large enough to be called an association. A magazine needed thousands of subscribers to survive. Forty-two years of being incredibly alone and carrying knowledge, deeply placed, which said I was afflicted, truly alone and without help. Yet, here, before me scratched nearly legibly was a pad of numbers to associations! And a magazine title somewhere out there that had even more? I had to clear this up: "Are these crossdressers?"

"Yes."

"Are these men who wear woman's clothing, but are married?"

"Yes, some of them."

"And they get together in groups?"

"Yes, most have regular meetings, and I think some also have regular socials, but you'd have to call and talk to them about those details." My first uneasy question formed to my Sunday School God, at near age six or seven, had a beginning of an answer and a glimmer of hope.

My second answer came with a new call to Rainbow Gender Association for directions, time and meeting place of this so-called association. The night came and I drove past the meeting place several times with the practiced experience of a lifetime felon. Lighting, public view, security were cased in seconds as I cruised slowly past the church. Exits noted, parking and alternate routes were taken in with four decades of skill honed with risk-taking. Satisfied, I drove slowly into a corner of their parking lot. My engine idle and crunching stone under the truck's tires hardly covered my breathing. I pointed the nose towards the street exit and left the engine running as I sat in my now darkened truck, watching. I was watching with the skills of an assassin charting a victim's movement. Cars entered. People got out. And recognition that they were men in woman's clothing! Christ in heaven, it was true what those calls had rumored. And then I thought, they're walking right under the lights like the whole world knew! I wanted to call to them, warn them that they could be clearly seen from homes nearby, but I'd learned silence was better, so I held my voice in check and just feared for them.

There was an association! I was a short 100 feet away from it. Forty-two years had passed and only seconds remained. My internal voice screamed, "Go in, please, go in." But, I was a coward and drove off. I cried a little driving back, mostly from frustration, but I knew deep down that had I stepped into that church, police would have raided it seconds later. Some neighbor looking through slightly parted drapes was holding the phone and giving descriptions of both the crime and the perpetrators, and I nearly got caught with them. I felt lucky to have escaped.

I waited a week to see if I'd had my license number taken, or if a description accurate enough to lead the police to my rented room in San Jose, had been given. There was no knock, and once again I'd taken a huge risk and had done so successfully. But compulsion must be given its dose. And that next need came in a few short days.

I called about the recorded social. A card game. A poker get-together. That was a man thing. I could do that. "Yes," said the normal sounding voice, "Some come dressed, some dress here and some don't. It's up to you. It's safe, we have a lot of fun and you might win a couple of bucks." Again, I followed the routine of a lifetime and parked. But this time I left my car and stepped to the gate. No burglar moved with greater stealth and awareness of their surroundings. The greeter, my host, became my next lifelong friend in seconds. I'd arrived early and we talked. He had done it, lived it and seen it so far past where I was that he became, at that moment, a cherished Hall of Fame candidate were there a hall of fame. He shared some magazines and tips and became my mentor. My first of many over the next few months. I'd learned more: The legal, moral, religious and personal side of it came into pleasant conflict with my list of facts and altered them completely and forever. I was breaking no laws, causing no moral dilemmas and, as God already knew, I was a crossdresser. One of perhaps millions unknown, near thousands known throughout this state and hundreds just within the valley where I stood that moment.

With new knowledge and a now worn copy of *Tapestry,* my journey picked up speed. I confessed, over lunch, to a female co-worker who had once, without prompting, confessed to me. She had sensed my other self and had said so. "You're a contradiction and I don't know why," she had said once. I'd stepped into an eddy and found that the edge where the current swept past was swimmable. She understood now why I'd been that contradiction. She knew I was different, "a good different" and thought it "was cool." And, she added, "Why shouldn't men express femininity? It makes you better as a man." Why not indeed! So obvious to her, yet it had escaped me for almost half-a-century. We talked of dressing and she said, "Why not dress for Halloween? It would be fun

to shop, and who would know?" It was fun, but others, with sharper eyes, recognized beyond what I thought was a clever costume. An acknowledged gay I'd come to know for her politics and views, whispered to me that day, "That's not a costume, and I respect you for what you're doing, and would like to talk to you about it someday." She scared me a little with that remark. I've since learned that I had been a picture brought into focus to those who knew me well enough. I spent time practicing with makeup under the guise of that day, so another confession was needed to satisfy my sister-in-law's gentle questions on how I had known where to put what with a skill she noted past what a "man" should know. Halloween moved too quickly and my self control was waning on purpose. Those few who knew now verified two things: A recognition of something good in me, and that it made me better for its being there.

I'd stepped over to that other universe and faced Linda, my now adopted name, as a two month veteran of being "out" (once). She now stared back and smiled, knowing what I would not yet admit. She was getting closer to the surface.

Next my brother-in-law. He did not understand it. Although he guessed that was why I'd always been easy to talk with and supportive when we were kids, while others teased him about his weight. Confessions almost neared a point where I would have to start using my Day Timer for appointments. I'd stopped using a diary because it began to take too much time. Each contact was positive and forced my desire to confess more. Even the negative responses honed my skills and knowledge of myself.

Confessions to those turned to arguments and debates with more wins than losses, and those losses are potential wins because the people are still curious, and their lifetime of fact gathering is as faulty as mine was. My compulsion changed to a need for that feedback, reinforcement and a challenge for constructive arguments, and it was being satisfied.

A lifetime of blaming now took on a vague mantle of thanks for so remarkable a gift. A strange gift, though, so that I'd not seen it as such up to then. All that I was, all that I had ever been was pointed back to me. Those pointing said it was good and I should use it more. My wife of 25 years, to my relief, noted I was better for it. After reading *My Husband Wears My Clothes,* by Peggy Rudd, I gained a renewed partner for the next quarter of a century. So I looked back at myself very hard and became satisfied that, except for minor changes, life had unfolded to my advantage. It was due in large part to this gift. I needed to see more.

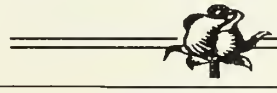
One more breach, I thought. I wanted to dress up and go out without Halloween as an excuse. I wanted to truly taste life as Linda. A call to SGA gave me my third lifelong friend and three hours of sharing. An invitation for my wife and me to have dinner with the couple confirmed my first impressions, and she was stamped on my subconscious like a duckling imprints moments after hatching.

A month before that day and I shopped, with my wife, for the first time in daylight. We searched for that first top-to-bottom outfit. Hours of picking and bringing the selections down to only several hundred choices for undergarments, a dress, shoes and accessories.

We laughed when she said no to a style because my chest hairs would show, and yes to those that hid my growing waist size. People witnessed our giggles, somewhat confused while searching for nylons that must be able to block the sun's light because of my foundry-scarred legs. I drove home with things purchased on hangers that would remain on hangers. Clothes that would not be crumpled, boxed and locked away. Clothes that hung carefully in a closet I was soon to walk out from. My wife was committed to that first day out, but work needed her that weekend, and with that announcement she faced an adult/child that had been told the Disneyland visit was off just outside the gate. So my co-worker, friend and now sister volunteered to be my attendant and escort, someone to guide me in details she knew as by rote and I from veiled looks of envy growing up. Someone to dial 911 when I fainted dead away from fear.

I'd spent days gathering, ironing, folding and unfolding, trying and adding accessories to meet what every person seeks and that was to present the best I could be. A presentation with an honesty never hinted at let alone expressed. To finally be truly my vision of myself as I was coming to know it. A vision God's seen for so many years, but for me the first time. Forty-two years of dreaming of the other universe and only moments away from that step through the door. It looked like any other door, but this one was a magical passage into another life with a handle of gold not brass. Preparation, in a cheap hotel turned into Cinderella's castle with a friend who then was my Fairy Godmother. Preparation that would be the envy of a model going to a photo shoot and my time had arrived. I grabbed my purse, pulled up on a telltale slip, brushed some imaginary lint from my jacket, looked at my hands now longer, took one last look at the image facing me and stepped through the doorway of that castle's magical portal showing more bravery than in all my days before. My walk to that front door of Joe's Town and Country restaurant was a lifetime's journey in a few hundred feet. My arguments have since sharpened and become finely tuned as I've tasted life on the other side, now months and many journey's later. *"We are born into our gender, but expression is a choice we can and should take."* God gave us this gift of transformation, and I thank her for it.

...LINDA IS OUT, AND FOREVER!



Behavioral Treatment in Crossdressing & Transsexualism,

A Review of the Literature and a Call for Reform

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(At AEGIS, we are beginning to present papers at professional conferences—as the peers of the attendees—and to publish in professional journals. We believe that the best way to introduce change into a prejudicial literature is to become a contributor to that literature. To that end, our exhaustive annotative bibliography—weighing in at more than 650 pages—has been published by Garland Publishers, and we are preparing an edited text, also to be published by Garland, entitled *New Concepts in Cross-Gender Identity.* Confirmed contributors include Dr. John Money, Dr. Richard Green, Dr. Holly Devor, Dr. Barbara Warren, Dr. Jerilynn Prior, Dr. Walter Bockting, Dr. Eli Coleman, Dr. Eugene Schrang, and Holly Boswell.

This article is an excerpt from a paper I presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis in Atlanta, Georgia, 29 May, 1994. Please bear in mind that I was speaking as a peer; my words as a woman of transsexual experience would have been much harsher.)

Articles about the behavioral treatment of transsexualism and crossdressing began appearing in the professional literature in the 1960s. British authors typically used extremely aversive methods in attempts to reduce the frequency of crossdressing. I am about to make an extreme statement, but I feel it is justified, for these attempts to create social conformity are documented in black-and-white in journals like *The British Journal of Psychiatry.* Some of their experiments might have been done by Nazis, had the applied behavioral techniques been available to them.

In the first published account of aversion therapy with a crossdresser, Lavin, et al., (1961) kept a 22-year-old married man awake for days with amphetamines, giving him frequent injections of apomorphine to make him violently sick to his stomach while he was forced to look at slides of himself crossdressed. Treatment did not stop until the subject became confused and his vital signs became abnormal. Barker, et al., (1963) required a man who sought treatment for his transvestism to dress and undress 400 times in six days. He was given electric shock to his feet (or a buzzer sounded to signal him to undress). In both studies, the subjects reported themselves "cured" at follow-up six months post-treatment. I think I might have, also.

We must remember that this extremely aversive treatment was given for behaviors which were essentially harmless, and which could have been dealt with in any number of less aversive ways. It's not as if crossdressing behavior is life-threatening. Clark (1963), for instance, gave apomorphine to a man with anxiety and marital stress produced by his wearing of girdles. Considering even the relatively limited repertoire of behavioral techniques available at the time, it's difficult to understand why such extreme treatment was used in these studies, and especially why other, less aversive techniques were not tried.

These workers never questioned that what they were doing was justified. In 1965, Barker compared the effectiveness of electrical shock and purgatives in the treatment of transvestism. He never mentioned the use of nonaversive techniques, and he certainly never discussed the possibility that the subjects might be counseled to accept their need to crossdress and integrate it into their lives.

The British workers came very close to disaster. In 1963, A. J. Cooper published a paper about an incredibly aversive and even life-threatening behavioral treatment of a crossdresser. The subject was kept awake for one week with amphetamines and given drugs to make him violently nauseous on an hourly basis. He developed cardiac problems and had to be hospitalized for a month in a cardiac unit. The author suggests frequent EKGs for persons being given nausea-producing drugs. He did not suggest that his treatment may have been a bit extreme.

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If you have a bit of imagination, a word, I know, I should not use at a meeting of behavior analysts, you can see this man, this crossdresser, wild-eyed and perspiring from the amphetamines, smelling of vomit, going into cardiac distress. It's a scene straight out of Kubrick's *A Clockwork Orange,* but let me remind you that the protagonist in the film brutalized and killed people. Cooper's patient did nothing except sometimes wear women's clothing.

In 1969, Gelder and Marks reviewed aversion treatment in transvestism and transsexualism. They noted that while aversion was a valuable treatment with crossdressers, it was less useful in persons with pronounced transsexualism. This was because there was little or no motivation to change in this population. Gelder and Marks did not question whether it was appropriate to attempt to make such changes in persons who did not want to be changed, although they did discuss the conditions under which they considered it ethical to use aversive and noxious stimuli.

As the field of applied behavior analysis became more sophisticated, so did the treatments, although let me say that aversive procedures delivered as part of a treatment package are no less aversive than aversion delivered alone. Barlow, Reynolds, and Agras (1973) used such a treatment package consisting of a variety of nonaversive methods and electric shock to alter a variety of measures of a 17-year-old boy's transsexualism. In 1979, Barlow, Abel, and Blanchard followed up the subject and presented data from two additional subjects treated with a similar treatment package. One subject, a genetic male, while successfully crossliving, developed anxiety about passing as a woman and came into treatment. After treatment, she was highly sexually active as a homosexual, but as a male, despite her breasts and lack of facial hair.

Barlow et al.'s techniques have been replicated as recently as 1987, but no researcher, so far as I know, has looked at the differential effectiveness of the aversive and nonaversive components of their treatment package in transsexualism or crossdressing.

Craighead, Kazdin, & Mahoney, in their introduction to a 1979 review by Barlow and Abel, mentioned Davison's 1973 criticism that intervening in particular behavior patterns can be interpreted as an index of a therapist's values. I would argue that that has been blatantly the case in the behavioral treatment of crossdressers and transsexual people. Craighead et al. ask, "Does society have the right to prohibit certain behaviors among consenting adults? Are there any legitimate grounds for enforcing some sexual behaviors and condemning others? What are the psychological implications of labeling individuals as 'deviant' if they prefer less conventional modes of sexual expression? Is the psychologist supporting the 'establishment' as the status quo by offering therapy for culturally prohibited sexual patterns?" (p. 342) Abel, at least, doesn't think so; to this day, he continues to use aversion therapy in his treatment of transgendered persons.

The literature with children, although due to time limitations I will not present it, is even more worrisome than the literature about adults. Children with gender identity disorders have no say in their treatment, and are often subjected to humiliating procedures in clinics at the authorization of parents who are acting out of fear and ignorance. Clinics for the treatment of children exist in the United States, Canada, and England and possibly still Australia, and attempt to reprogram boys who are extremely feminine. Since Richard Green (Green, 1987) has clearly shown that these boys are much more likely to grow up to be homosexual than to be crossdressers or transsexual persons, these clinics are a back-door way for researchers to have access to a population with which it has become politically inexpedient to intervene, homosexuals.

Certainly, not all behavioral treatment of transgendered persons has had as its goal the eradication of their crossdressing or transsexualism. But although the subject has not recently made an appearance in professional journals, the literature, which has never seriously questioned when it is and when it is not appropriate to intervene, and perhaps more appropriately, *how* it is and is not appropriate to intervene, gives a green light to aversive treatment designed to change the basic nature of transgendered persons. This is a value judgement on the part of researchers, who are saying, by doing such treatment, that they value heterosexuality and homosexuality over crossdressing and transsexualism, and that transgender behavior is so horrible that it is justifiable to use any means necessary to eradicate it.

Because transgendered persons are such an undervalued segment of society, there has been no outcry or even commentary on their behavioral treatment. It is important that someone urge caution in the use of behavioral techniques with persons with transgender issues. That is what I am doing today. I would like to make some suggestions.

First, the same safeguards which protect persons with developmental disabilities and others should be applied to transgendered persons. When doing research, there should be peer review and human rights review of treatment—but ordinary peer review and human rights committees have the same sort of blinders as the general population, so I suggest that there be additional reviews by a committee consisting of professionals who have worked extensively with transgendered persons, and by a second committee consisting entirely of out trans-

gendered persons. These committees would look carefully at professional and human rights issues and would have the final say-so on whether treatment was allowed.

Second, care should be taken that shame and guilt is not used as a tool to convince the individual to enter a treatment program designed to eradicate his or her crossdressing or transsexualism. Such shame and guilt should be dealt with in therapy before any behavioral attempt is made to extinguish the behavior.

Third, the individual should be made aware that it is possible to embrace their crossdressing or transsexual issues. The individual should be urged to attempt to adjust to his or her condition and given the names and addresses of the considerable number of support groups and clinics which specialize in transsexualism and crossdressing.

Fourth, the therapist should consider the totality of the individual's life and the amount to which his or her crossdressing or transsexualism interferes with other life goals. Simply not passing in the other gender role is no reason to attempt to eradicate the behavior in transsexual persons, for there are medical techniques which can change physical characteristics, and because successfully passing is not necessary in order to live productively in the other gender role.

Fifth, the therapist should carefully monitor his or her feelings about crossdressing and transsexualism. If there are strong feelings of disgust or anger, it might be appropriate to refer the individual and future clients with the same issues to another therapist.

Finally, let me say this. Persons with developmental disabilities were long abused. This changed because of advocacy activities of professionals and parents. Gay men and lesbians were once powerless. This changed in 1969, with the riots at the Stonewall Bar in New York City. Crossdressers and transsexual persons were once powerless. This is rapidly changing. The transgender community is now a reality, Professional organizations, advocacy organizations, political activists, and especially the emergence of radical transsexual groups like Transgender Nation and The Transsexual Menace, with their in-your-face tactics, will increasingly make their presence known. Certainly, the experiments done in Britain in the 1960s would no longer be tolerated, but even nonaversive treatment packages will come under fire in the future.

The treatment of transgendered persons at the hands of behavior modifiers brings to life the worst fear of the critics of the science of behavior, that science will be used for purposes of social control. When, in an attempt to make them "normal," harmless people are subjected to aversion therapy and occasionally sent to the cardiac unit, something is very, very wrong in Walden Two, the idyllic community described by psychologist B. F. Skinner where the behavior of the inhabitants is controlled using the same principles of reinforcement that Skinner had discovered in his work with rats and pigeons.

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Outreach, The Ultimate Coming Out

by Rachel D.

I remember the first time I got all dressed up and left my place in my femme persona. Gawd, it was both exhilarating and scary all at once. The farther away from my "safe" abode I got, the more exhilarating and scary it got. Well, those days are long gone, and this lady saunters about with ease; in fact I feel more at home en femme than in my yucky drab mode. Still, the thought of getting crude remarks plays on my mind when I'm out. So, why would I purposely seek out people and try to help them accept my own diversity? Crazy! Not really (or happily so— Grin!) Let me explain...

I am a member of the Educational TV Channel (ETVC), a San Francisco-based TV/TS support group that is about 400 strong. I belong to the Outreach Committee of that group and serve in two capacities. The first one involves running a hot line Monday through Friday with about 10 volunteers, the second involves assisting the Speakers' Bureau in giving lectures at college and university classes on crossdressing. I would like to share a recent experience with you.

On April 14, 1994, two of us, Melissa and I, were asked to speak to a class of undergraduate college students at DeAnza College in Santa Clara, California. The topic was cross-dressing, and the class consisted of about 20-25 students with the average age being about 22-years-old. About half were male and the other half were female, if you can believe the clothes they had on (Smiling). Oh...yes, we went as Rachel and Melissa.

I introduced myself by my femme name, said I was, "...born a woman 55 years ago (pause), and you know that I am lying to you as no real woman gives up her age that quickly." The mood was good from the start. As I gave a brief synopsis of when, where, and how I discovered that I was a TV and what it is like to live with that torment...a torment that would extend through many years of my life, lasting until I finally met others like me, received counseling and learned to like myself as Rachel.

I watched their eyes as I spoke. The female students looked directly into my eyes with warm, understanding, empathetic gazes. As is not too unusual, male students initially would avoid direct eye contact, squirm in their chairs, and invariably cross their legs...like maybe they might lose their manhood right there on the spot. But, as I talked, and Melissa after me, I could see them warm up considerably, and even become open and inquisitive.

Our lecture lasted about an hour-and-a-half, and included many questions from the students. They wanted to know if we were gay, married, have children, did we tell our loved ones,...They were healthy, knowledge-seeking questions. They were interested to know that our support group was made up of CEOs, Public Officers, Firemen, Policemen, Judges, Engineers, Lawyers...in other words, people from all walks of life. Not sleazy people.

Any one of them could have gotten hostile, nasty, etc., but they didn't. We, Melissa and I, dressed and acted like ladies, and they acted like ladies and gentlemen. Their professor asked us what we would like them to walk away with at the conclusion of the class. I told her, "All we ask is for understanding and tolerance. We are not looking to convert anyone to our way of thinking." (Four males uncrossed their legs (just kidding).) It seems like so much to ask, but so easy to give.

At the conclusion of the class an evaluation form was passed out by Melissa. I would like to share some of the comments by the students.

Female 19- "I never knew what transvestites were. I thought they were all gay or bisexual. It was good to see that they are really sensitive, intelligent people. I think it's great they have enough *balls* to crossdress in public and come out with their secret."

Female 18- "When you first walked into the class room, I had very uneasy feelings...I am now much more understanding...you two are very nice people, very smart and very down to earth."

Female 33- "They feel happier in their life like this and we shouldn't judge what makes them happy."

Female 19- "I really enjoyed listening to the two girls talk. They were great and I wouldn't want them to change one bit."

Female 21- "I came in feeling like sexual minorities were

disgusting and wrong. Now I realize that they are real human beings that are not much different than I am. It was a great experience."

Female 20- "My views have definitely changed. These people are human. Just like me."

Female 26- "It was educational and enjoyable. The speakers were great...open and honest...I'm leaving with a much more open mind."

Female 19- "I liked the speakers because they were open and answered my question. I wish I knew more people with your confidence."

Male 25- "I always thought that men who dressed as women were gay...now I know that is not so. [I am] more tolerant. I truly admire the two speakers for being so brave and so comfortable with themselves."

Male ?- "I will think differently the next time I run into a crossdresser."

Male 43- "I used to feel awkward towards gays and crossdressers before. Thanks for coming."

Male 43- "I felt hat the speeches were concise and appropriate...I enjoyed it very much."

All *we* ask for is understanding

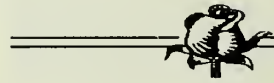
Male 23- "...Helped me answer my stereotype about cross dressers were or are gay, feminine and stupid. Best of luck and love."

Male 23- "I grew up in Idaho where traditions prohibit such diversity. I was pleased that people would come to terms with their own personalities and not feel threatened by the public. Although I do not have their desires, some of my own are also unique. I have changed my view to one of tolerance."

The responses pleased Melissa and me immensely. We had accomplished our mission...and without even so much as a bruised ego. It is not uncommon to have college students respond in this fashion though. We have lectured at many colleges and to graduate students as well. This class was special though. Afterwards they all came forward, engaged us in conversation, shook our hands and generally displayed a warmth beyond the usual. Wow!

Although the questions in some lectures can get somewhat mundane, the enthusiasm always seems to skyrocket.

Maybe some day these students will become the parents and leaders of tomorrow and will spread tolerance instead of hostility. If so, maybe Melissa and I have played some small part in making the world a li'l better place to live.



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Stonewall 25
the Shows, the Parties, the March and the Tears
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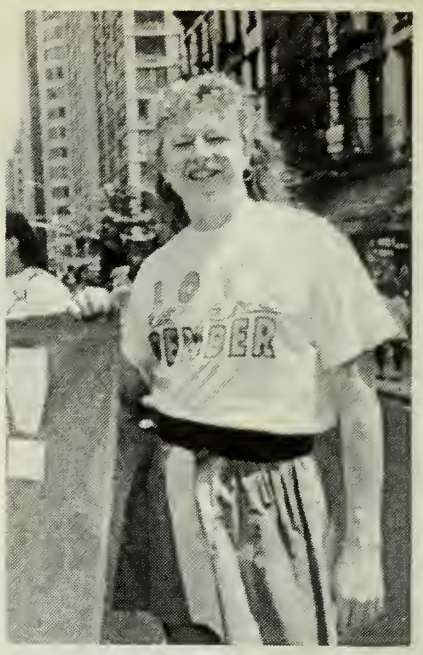

Before telling this story, I need to thank Michelle and Kathryne M. for their hospitality and love. Without them, my Stonewall experience would not have happened.

Friday, June 24. The train we were on from Long Island was late. Curtain time was 8 pm for "Charles Busch's Dressing UP! The Ultimate Dragfest" at the Town Hall, NYC. Michelle met the cab as my escort Eric and I arrived. I was wearing a white satin and lace off the shoulder gown that was so short that all you could see were my legs. Eric had on a fuchsia tuxedo. However, making an entrance during Charles Busch's opening monologue was not what I had in mind. Our seats were quite close to the front so Mr. Busch couldn't help but make some impromptu remarks about our late arrival (drawing much laughter). "Dragfest" will never happen again. The performances were a once-in-a-lifetime event, with Charles Busch, Charles Pierce, Milton Berle (that's right - 86 yr. old Uncle Miltie in drag), Ira Siff, Randy Allen, Louise DuArt and The Imperial Court of NYC. No lip-sync, no wooden dancing to tapes. Real performers dancing, acting and singing. And, oh, God, was it funny! For three hours we laughed till our sides hurt. What a shame there were no cameras to record this magnificent show.

Michelle, Eric and I were invited to a cast party afterwards. We got into conversations with Bea Arthur (Maude from "The Golden Girls") and Charles Pierce, another old friend of the transgendered community.

Outside, New York was just coming alive at midnight. We went bar-hopping after the cast party. From meeting young ladies from Hawaii at the Club Edelweiss, to seeing friends from Boston on West 14th St., until 4 am, Eric, Michelle and Yvonne were there to party!

Who, might you ask, is Eric? And where is my partner, Dan Cook-Riley? As the cost to go to NYC was a little heavy for three, my wife said "Take the time and spend it with your son." Eric is my 26 yr. old gay son of whom I could not be any prouder.

Back in NYC by 1:30 pm Saturday, Eric was off to Greenwich Village and I to the Stonewall 25 Transgender Caucus meeting which was held at 3 pm. Under the organizational ability of Lynn Walker (Metropolitan Gender Network) joined by other NY and NJ groups, the caucus focused on political issues and the Stonewall 25 March on Sunday. A report by Phyllis Frye and Sharon Ann Stuart stating, "...we are all going to march together on Sunday," met with a round of applause. [See Phyllis Frye's Legal Briefs.] Unit 31 in the line of march was designated Transgendered (and included Drag) and everyone was encouraged to be there. Over dinner that night with Phyllis and Sharon Ann, Eric and I shared our adventures of the day. Then Eric, my gay son, said "I'll march with you on Sunday" which uplifted our spirits, affirming that we are building bridges within the gay/lesbian community. Last year Eric and I marched in different groups at the March on Washington.

Eric grabbed my hand after dinner and off we went down to the Village and Christopher Street. The streets were a sea of people for block after block. On the riverfront, there was a 6-block-long street dance. For a-half-mile, organizations had booths set up along the way to sell you everything from t-shirts to beer, and to give out information. I was pleased to find the word transgender in some of the organizations' booth banners. I was happy spending time talking to the different groups and shopping. I found something to wear in Sunday's parade (more later). Dancing, browsing, beer, fireworks and street shows occupied our time till 11 pm. (No bar hopping tonight, for tomorrow we march!)

Sunday, 7 am: A train to catch and Eric would like to sleep in. No way could he do that to us! Michelle, Kathryne and Yvonne with Eric in tow, made the Sunday morning train to NYC. Meeting Laura Caldwell for a large breakfast at a restaurant near the starting point. Eric was speaking with a group at the next table only to discover more friends from Indiana.

How many are here? The city officials say 100,000. A police person on the parade route says 800,000. The organizers of the event say 1,200,000.

When we got to the designated point for the transgendered to line up, we were met with a nice surprise. Phyllis and Sharon Ann had the large blue and white banner (TRANSGENDERED & PROUD AND WE VOTE) in place, but where did all of the other banners come from? There were banners representing the Transgender Rights group, the Long Island Femme Expression (LIFE), the girls from the NYC drag bars, Miss Vera's School for Crossdressers, and more. Leslie Feinberg and friends carried a banner. Jean (FL), Aaron Davis (TX), and I joined in to help carry the blue and white banner. The large group of girls from NYC's drag bars gave the block of the transgendered a wonderful splash of color. Jennifer Wells from upstate NY was among the marchers, and the list goes on and on. The Gay/Lesbian Transgendered Band was the unit following our block.

The actual Parade started at 10:30 am. It was 1:35 pm when the transgender group started moving past the United Nations Building. And for the next 3 miles (at 1 mile per hour) we had our photo taken time after time. It was as if people were saying, "There really are transgendered people," and responding with enthusiasm. The crowd, mostly gays, lesbians, bis, and transgendered standing on the side, gave us warm applause and smiles.

The weather was sunny and warm with cool winds—perfect for the day. Oh, you ask, what did I have to wear?

A T-shirt that said, "Love sees no gender," and a short rainbow colored skirt—the colors of the rainbow coalition flag—and pumps. (Note: Ann West from Shoes Express knows her shoes. I walked miles in those pumps without pain Sunday or Monday.)

As this sea of humanity moved towards the great lawn in Central Park, one thing happened that stands out from the whole weekend. At 3 pm the sea stopped and went silent, for many minutes, for prayer in memory of those with AIDS, both living and deceased. Here I was, surrounded by young and old alike, gay, straight, transgendered, all. You could hear a pin drop. Looking over the sidewalk there was not one dry eye, a common bond formed in each of us for the pain was in all of our hearts. Then the voices came back, twice as loud as before, to celebrate our life. My son, Eric, embraced me and we cried together. This was a moment I will never forget. As I walked forward, I felt taller, proud of who and what I am, proud of my son, proud to be a part of the Stonewall 25 March, unashamed to show my feelings with others as we experience the many losses due to AIDS. My spirit was renewed, and I was ready to go on.

That evening, Eric took my hand again, and off we went to the USS Aircraft Carrier *Intrepid* for a dance and AIDS fund raiser. With over 4,000 participants, over a half-million dollars was raised to pay for drug and medical care of those in experimental research programs looking for a cure to AIDS. At 4 am it was time to stop, so many stories to tell, so many wonderful people.

In closing I just want to say "Thank you Eric, for being my friend."

IFGE at AASECT

The transgendered community played a starring role at the annual conference of the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT) in Louisville, Kentucky, May, 1994. Thanks to Sandra Cole, PhD, AASECT's outgoing president, the transgender community was highlighted for their role in exploring gender issues. Dr. Cole named Mariette Pathy Allen an honored guest of the conference, and arranged a showing of some of Ms. Allen's photographs of the transgender community. There was a presentation by Dr. Lewis Irving on the topic of education about sex and gender, and one by Ms. Allen about the transgender community.

Mariette Allen included IFGE's Dr. Sheila Kirk and Nancy Nangeroni on her presentation, The Gender Frontier: Shooting, Flirting, and Studying. She began with a new collection of slides shown with her insightful commentary. Nancy, a male-to-female, gave a brief personal history and an overview of the transgender community today. Dr. Kirk followed with a discussion of her research on crossdressing among teenagers. The long question-and-answer period demonstrated the value of this presentation to the attendees. Dr. Cole was a valuable participant in the discussion as her expertise as a sexologist enabled her to relate what the presenters were saying to the direct interests of the audience.

Dr. Lewis Irving, University of Central Oklahoma, was assisted in his presentation, Exploring Sex and Gender through Experiential Education, by Edith Berenberg, MEd, and Michele Montgomery, a male-to-female. Dr. Irving described classroom experiences of crossdressing, and covered a staggering amount of important gender basics. Ms. Berenberg broadened the area of the discussion, and Michele gave a moving account of her own experience. The question-and-answer period turned into a lively discussion. Dr. Cole teased the audience to a heightened awareness of the transgender community and the reality of its issues.

Volunteers from Cross-Port in Ohio personed a booth on the convention floor under the able leadership of Linda Buten, Chair of the IFGE Board of Directors. Our thanks go to Elaine, Jennifer, Nancy, Bobbi, Beverly, Candy, Heather, Gena, and Jamie Elizabeth. The IFGE representatives gave out copies of *Tapestry*, information, and made many friends for the transgendered community. Their tireless labor is certainly appreciated.

An exhibition of Mariette Pathy Allen's photography opened Thursday evening and ran through Sunday. This was the first public showing of some of Mariette's body explicit work. There were pictures covering the full range of the gender community, from the innocence of a first-time-out to uninhibited exploration of body and sexuality in an arena free of gender limitations. The display gave a dignified taste of the gender community's adventurous spirit.

In her closing speech at the final luncheon, Dr. Cole stressed the interest in the gender community, and the rich potential it holds for society at large. She said that she plans to focus her work on the transgender community now that her job at the AASECT is over. Her unequivocal support for our efforts is a powerful testimony to the quality and importance of our work, particularly at events of this kind.

IFGE at the APA

by Aaron Davis

I was very honored to represent the Female-to-Male community this year at the American Psychiatric Association (APA) convention which was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Other members of the community had been asked, but could not attend this year for various reasons. Unlike last year in San Francisco, I was the only FtM participant. However, I was certainly in good company with Yvonne Cook-Riley, Nancy Nangeroni and Dr. Sheila Kirk. I saw a completely different side to Dr. Kirk. She can be as playful as she is elegant. Yvonne was, of course, Yvonne. What else is there to say. I had never had the pleasure of meeting Nancy. She is a delightful person, very personable and friendly.

We all got along quite well, which is good since we shared the same suite! I am sure our neighbors were trying to figure that one out for days.

The booth IFGE rented was 20 feet long and about 8 feet deep, twice the size of some of the other booths. We were told on several occasions that our booth was quite attractive. It was decorated with pictures which depicted the diversity of the transgender community: MtFs, FtMs as well as Crossdressers, some even pictured with their children. One picture, a person of color before and after her transition, seemed to fascinate those that passed by.

The booth had a much better placement this year—the middle of the aisle on the right side of the convention center. We were across from the Gay and Lesbian Association of Psychiatrists, which caused some dismay for those few doctors passing by who tried to avoid both issues. This particular placement gave us an opportunity not only to educate the medical professionals as a whole, but also to target those in the gay community.

The psychiatrists and therapists within the gay and lesbian community will probably treat a transgendered patient in their practice at some point. I call upon my own experience for this observation because my therapist is a lesbian whom I sought out while living in the lesbian lifestyle before my transition. It is unfortunate, but quite a few within the lesbian community seem to have a problem understanding the transsexual phenomenon. The problem seems to be in relating to the FtMs who have lived or are living a lesbian lifestyle, or those MtFs who have transitioned and are considered lesbian.

Being a bit shy when it comes to meeting new people, I remained rather quiet the first day the exhibits were open. Most professionals who came into the booth looked at me out of the corner of their eyes but were not sure why I was in the booth. I was asked on several occasions, "Are you transgendered?" As time went on, I felt more comfortable and joined in the conversations. To my delight, most of the medical professionals were quite receptive to what we were saying. One doctor told us she was very glad we were participating in the APA and to keep up the good work. As an ice-breaker, we passed out Issue #65 of the *Tapestry* which has both an MtF and an FtM on the cover, as well as some of Issue #66. One doctor returned the following day asking for another copy because someone had stolen his before he had read it. Others wanted another copy for a friend who could not attend the conference. To Nancy's delight, some doctors wanted her autograph once they realized she was featured on the cover of Issue #66. Nancy did nothing to promote this idea, of course!

In talking with some of the doctors, I spoke with a psychiatrist from Massachusetts who had treated two FtMs in one family! He had taken the case because the father of the FtMs was a friend of his. It turned out, he said, to be one of his most interesting and unusual cases. According to the doctor, both men are now fully transitioned and are living full and happy lives. I also spoke with several doctors who practiced outside the country. They seemed to have very little trouble understanding the issue, and were very interested in learning more. There was never any overt negative reaction to our being at the convention. There were those, of course, who turned their heads in hopes of avoiding the issue, but most were quite friendly.

During the convention, many of our fellow exhibitors also came to the booth. I was told by one young woman that she was glad she could ask me questions in person, instead of just watching the talk shows, and, to my surprise, there were no sexual questions. One of our neighboring exhibitors not only came over to talk with us, but sent others over too. They seemed fascinated as Nancy and I related personal experiences and the pros and cons of surgery.

By the end of the convention, I was finally getting into the swing of things and felt rather sad to see it come to an end. Next year's APA convention will be held in Miami, and, if at all possible, I am certainly going to be there. It was a very positive experience for me, and I believe that the doctors learned a lot as well. IFGE's participation is vital to the education of the doctors who one day will delete any reference of transgendered from the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual* as being a disorder, doctors who will treat those of us desiring SRS procedures.

Fantasia Fair

20 Years of Moments That have Made a Difference

by Christine Howey

photography by Mariette Pathy-Allen

As part of the celebration of the up-coming 20th Fantasia Fair, Chris Howey was asked to try to put the essence of her experiences at Fantasia Fair and in Provincetown in an article for promotional purposes. The result, as you will see, is a lyrical word sketch that reached the depth of our emotion for all who have ever been to Provincetown, and especially those who have been to the Fair. But, the expression of beauty and the inner feeling brought out in this vignette can be appreciated even by those who have not been blessed by this experience. I could not write a piece as beautiful as what Chris is offering, but after my twelve visits to P'town, including eight years of the Fair and two Tiffany Club Spring Flings, I can best express my feelings by saying, "You can bury my body where you like, but bury my heart in Provincetown."

-Alison Laing, Director, Fantasia Fair, 1994.

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Sitting in the warm glow of the bar at the Crown & Anchor Hotel, laughing with friends till your cheekbones start to ache.

Attending a session with Niela Miller, a psychologist who matches her deep knowledge of gender diversity with her affection for Fair participants. And you leave having accomplished more in an hour than in a week-full of hours with other therapists.

Spoon-sipping the incredible Lobster Pot clam chowder.

Sharing the difficulties a new friend is having at home as you talk and stroll the beachfront, accompanied by the tiny, rippling waves from the ocean, past the balconies of the Watermark Inn where other Fair participants wave right back.

Buttering an oven-warm muffin in the Chicago House dining room early one morning, reluctant to release your white coffee mug, and discussing with bleary-eyed housemates only two topics: gender issues and everything else in the world.

Shopping (window- or otherwise) for one-of-a-kind items up and down narrow, cozy Commercial Street: leather and lace, fisherman's sweaters and sequined vests, and artist-designed jewelry priced from just two dollars, to far too much.

Dining at a Luncheon Seminar where a speaker you never heard of offers thoughts about gender life you never encountered before.

Breathing the cool breeze that comes in salt-water fresh and all yours.

Bowing your head in the Unitarian Church, Fair participants and townspeople together, gay and straight, gentle people all. But people who stand up strong for their right—and each other's right—to exist without excuse or apology.

Decorating the wee hours with conversations at Roomers, the inn that never sleeps.

Taking the stage in the FanFair Follies, in the spotlight and performing to volleys of applause and yelps of appreciation. And leaving the stage with a layer of confidence you didn't have before.

Wishing that the "salmon with crab meat in a wine-cream sauce" entree at the Landmark restaurant would never end.

Climbing the dunes that cushion the opposite coastline only five minutes away, finding a time to be by yourself, peaceful and at rest.

Bumping into an old friend who's also out on the long pier, taking pictures of the fishing trawlers and the Provincetown buildings, arrayed tightly along the oceanfront like a child's blocks.

Hugging the friend you met the first day and haven't seen since.

Looking back on five days of joy, and realizing there are still three days to go.

Exploring new issues and discovering different paths at the seminars you attend, feeling your mind, perhaps long-shuttered and locked, begin to reach out and open again.

Dancing "till you drop" on the wavy floor of the A-House, in a spill of spinning lights and sound.

Grabbing a late night pizza slice at Spiritus with a friend, followed by a double-dip double chocolate ice cream cone.

Having your photo taken by Mariette Pathy Allen, the renowned photographer of the gender community, and letting her bring out an image of you you might never have imagined.

Learning makeup tips and hair care secrets that make everything more fun.

Enjoying the natural blush applied to your face by the Provincetown air.

Sampling the myriad of art galleries and special exhibits that dot this artist's haven.

Striding out on the "runway" in the Fashion Show, as part of a glossy tribute to the fun and fantasy of clothing styles.

Feeling a freedom noticeable even to those who are free to dress full-time, a freedom of self that no other place offers. It is captured and saved for you, here in Provincetown, so you can return and re-energize in this place of simple and unquestioning acceptance.

Living every day as you wish instead of as you must, and allowing the luxury of these days, these eight magical days, to wash over you as a balm.

AND THIS YEAR...is the 20th Anniversary Celebration of Fantasia Fair. It will be all of the above, and so much more. The Fair is 20 years old, but newer this year than it has ever been, and more dedicated than ever to your complete enjoyment.

Fantasia Fair is unlike any crossdressing gathering in the world. We invite you to share it with us, but we regret we can only accommodate the first 150 reservations.

If you have not been to the Fair, do yourself a favor and come for at least the final few days. And if you have come before, this 20th Fair Celebration will be a great time to revisit and see old friends, make new ones and allow your soul to bask once more in the glow of the warmth and love of Provincetown.

FANTASIA FAIR REUNION
OCTOBER 19-23,1994
celebrating 20 consecutive years of a program designed for personal growth and individual expression of the femme person within, the Fan/Fair Reunion Committee has planned some exciting activities in conjunction with the 20th Annual Fantasia Fair.

These include:

- **Memory Lane Reception, honoring all those who have come to the Fair,**
- **Video Review of the Fan/Fair Follies,**
- **Buffet Dinner with some of the Fair's loyal friends and supporters from Provincetown,**
- **Looking at Fantasia Fair, a round-table discussion of voices from the past telling what it was and is like personally,**

along with participation in all the major events of Fantasia Fair.

THIS IS A SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL PREVIOUS FAIR PARTICIPANTS TO COME JOIN US IN THIS CELEBRATION OF OUR ANNIVERSARY.

WE CLAMOR FOR YOUR GLAMOUR!

For more information and special registration form, write:

FAN/FAIR REUNION COMMITTEE
P O Box 15368
Boston MA 02215-1368)

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TRANSGENDER PARTICIPATION IN HEALTH CARE REFORM

Transgendered citizens have the right to participate in health care reform. If they choose not to participate, they will probably be excluded from health care reform.

Participation can be in the form of personal visits, phone calls or FAXes (area code 202), or letters to their respective members of Congress (ZIP Code 20515); both of their senators (ZIP 20510); the key congressional committees (House Ways and Means Committee's Subcommittee on Health, House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Health and Environment, Senate Finance Committee, and Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee); the regulatory agencies: Secretary of Health and Human Services (ZIP 20201), Secretary of Labor (ZIP 20210), and Director of the Office of Management and Budget (ZIP 20503), and the President (ZIP 20500), *Consult the local telephone directory blue pages for League of Women Voters.*

Guidelines for Participants: **DO** be brief; **DO** identify yourself; **DO** be legible; **DO** say what you approve and disapprove; **DO** be courteous; **DO** write clearly and often in the session; **DO NOT** be rude or threatening; **DO NOT** apologize for taking their time; **DO NOT** begin with your being a citizen or a taxpayer, they assume that; **DO NOT** state a hope that your letter gets past the staff.

General concerns of the transgendered as taken from the Insurance Law Project Report in the *Proceedings* of **TRANSGEN '93:**

- "universal access" means for everyone with no exclusions;
- "basic health care" for the transgendered is indeed "medically necessary";
- "cosmetic surgery" is considered medically necessary to correct an abnormality such as a congenital birth defect;
- definition of "health" includes "capacity for social function";
- transgender exclusion increases welfare dependence, but transgender inclusion yields quicker transition into productive wage earners and taxpayers.

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GENDER IDENTITY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR TRANSSEXUALS (GISST) FORMED IN BOSTON

The **Beacon Hill Multicultural Psychological Association** is pleased to announce the start of a new program for transvestites and transsexuals. The goal is facilitation and referral of this population to proper resources: AIDS education, HIV testing, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, therapy, job training, social skills, social acceptance, gender identity counseling, and housing.

The group is focusing its work on sex industry workers (sex for a fee), people with alcohol or drug addictions, etc. Since incarceration and recidivism are such problems in the sex industry, **GISST** hopes to be there to break the cycle when people are released from prison so they will not return to a destructive lifestyle. The group will encourage transsexuals to communicate about the lifestyles of prostitution, drinking, and drugging; to help transsexuals adjust to living in a sexually safe, alcohol and drug free environment; and to teach that they can change to a positive lifestyle.

There are weekly meetings for encouragement and support which will ultimately lead to increased self-worth, acceptance, and a self-sufficient way of living. Call **(617) 742-5785** for the time and location of the meetings.

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FEMININE IMAGE CLOSES

Feminine Image, the support group started by the late **Alicia Lichy**, has ceased operations just one year after the death of its founder.

Gail Ann Windsor, who headed the Riverside, California organization after Lichy's death until she was transferred to Florida in September, wrote that mail for the organization was being forwarded to her and that no one established a new mailing address. Windsor says she is sending any mail for the organization to the recently formed Born Free group, which serves the same area as Feminine Image did.

Windsor is trying to form a new group in the vicinity of Eglin Air Force Base in Florida, and invites all interested parties to contact her at: P O Box 2103, Eglin AFB FL 32541-2103.

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GENDER AWARENESS LEAGUE SUPPORT GROUP FORMED IN LOS ANGELES

The **Gender Awareness League** is a support group for individuals and loved ones dealing with gender-related issues. Crossdressers, transvestites, transgenderists, transsexuals (both male-to-female and female-to-male), and their loved ones are welcome to join, as is anyone exploring gender identity issues. Heterosexuals, bisexuals, and homosexuals are all welcome, as are asexual individuals.

The Gender Awareness League meets weekly to provide support to its members by allowing individuals to share their feelings in a non-judgmental atmosphere amongst peers. Discussions are informal and are not led by psychotherapists. The group also has regular discussions about topics of interest to individuals dealing with gender-related issues, such as:

- Disclosure to family members, friends, and coworkers;
- Comportment and conduct in public places;
- Feelings about sexual preference;
- Businesses friendly towards the transgendered community;
- Psychotherapy, electrolysis, hormonal and surgical sex reassignment for transsexuals;
- Bias, discrimination, prejudice, and harassment;
- Feelings of isolation, anxiety, and depression;
- Gaining self-confidence, self-acceptance, and acceptance from others;
- Clothing, apparel, and grooming;
- Where to go to have fun: restaurants, nightclubs, amusement parks, and group events.

For those just beginning to explore feelings about gender issues, or who would simply like to listen and observe, participation in group discussions is completely voluntary. If you are interested in attending a session, the group meets at:

Gay and Lesbian Community Center
1625 Hudson Street, #109
Los Angeles, California 90028

The Gay and Lesbian Center is located about half a block south of Hollywood Boulevard and about two or three blocks west of Cahuenga on the west side of Hudson. Parking is limited. Please arrive early to find a good spot. For more information, write or call:

Gender Awareness League
c/o Grace Bredow
P O Box 496062
Los Angeles CA 90046
☎ (213) 850-0898

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AEGIS ANNOUNCES $500 AWARD FOR NATIONAL FEMALE - TO - MALE CONFERENCE

The **American Educational Gender Information Service, Inc.** is pleased to announce an award of $500 to a group which will provide a matching amount for purposes of conducting a national conference for female-to-male crossdressers and transsexual people.

AEGIS Executive Director **Dallas Denny** said, "We believe that our award will serve as a catalyst for a national conference for female-to-male persons. Such an event has been long needed. While most gender conferences are open to FTMs, the programming is usually geared primarily toward feminine self-expression. A conference for men will allow the full expression of masculine energies, unconstrained by a model which originated to serve the needs of male-to-female persons. The fact is, there has never been a conference exclusively for FTM people, and the first one could take any form, a wilderness experience, for example. The possibilities are limitless. Quite literally, anything could happen.

"We're very happy to be able to support the FTM community in this way. We have a very small budget, and quite frankly, we could use the money for other things we really need, but then again, the men need to have space for themselves, and it's high time they had it. We're making this a priority. We're very committed to FTM people, and this is our way of acknowledging them.

"We're also doing an all FTM issue of *Chrysalis Quarterly* (our magazine) with **Jason Cromwell** serving as the guest editor. We always welcome material by and about men."

Conditions are as follows:

1. Applicant may be an already-existing nonprofit organization, support group, or group of individuals or a nonprofit organization formed for the purpose of organizing an FTM conference. Individuals and for-profit organizations may not apply.

2. Applicants must plan to have a national conference for FTM persons within eighteen months of the date of the award, i.e., before 8/1/96.

3. Applicants must pledge an equivalent amount ($500) to serve as matching funds.

4. Applicants must reserve at least $500 of profits of the first conference for seed money for a future conference.

5. Applications must be postmarked by midnight, 12/31/94, and should be sent to AEGIS, P O Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033 USA.

6. Applications should be in narrative form.

TIMELINE: Applications due 12/31/94, monies awarded 2/1/95, conference by 8/1/96.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON CROSS DRESSING, SEX AND GENDER

This is the first call for papers to an **International Congress on Cross Dressing, Sex and Gender** being organized by the **Center for Sex Research at California State University**, Northridge, California. The Congress will be held in the San Fernando Valley section of Los Angeles on February 23-26, 1995, and is sponsored by a number of different organizations in the scholarly and the cross dressing communities. Papers are invited on transvestism, transsexualism and all aspects of non-conforming gender expression.

We are soliciting and anticipating wide-ranging viewpoints summarizing and criticizing current research in biological, psychological, sociological, cultural and historical aspects of gender crossing. Organized sessions that will allow widespread discussion of where we have been, where we are going and what we need to do to come to terms with a variety of gender behaviors are particularly encouraged.

Interested participants should submit four copies of the abstract of the proposed paper or session. Abstracts should be no longer than 500 words. Personal identification of author should be on a separate sheet attached to the first copy. **DEADLINE** for abstracts is **October 1, 1994**.

Send abstracts or requests for information to:

The Center for Sex Research
California State University
Northridge CA 91330

FAX: (818) 885-5561

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ETVC GIVES OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The **Educational TV Channel** (ETVC) in San Francisco, California has named a local political activist as the first recipient of their Outstanding Achievement Award. **Shelley Salieri**, a *pro bono* assistant to four San Francisco supervisors, is credited with having the language of a ballot measure changed to add job discrimination protection for transgendered municipal employees. The ballot measure passed last November and took effect in January. Salieri is now working with **ETVC** and other gender community leaders to draft a city ordinance that would end discrimination against all transgendered people in San Francisco. Hearings on the proposed ordinance began in March.

Salieri was presented with the award at the **10th annual ETVC Cotillion** on **January 29, 1994**. The award will be given annually to the person or persons who have done the most to "end discrimination and advance the cause of fairness and equality for transgendered people," according to ETVC president **Cindy Martin**.

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POST-OP *POOL SHARK?* FEAR NOT!

The issue first came up in tennis, now it has been faced in billiards. A director of the **McDermott Tour**, a stepping stone to the professional pool tour, requested a ruling on the gender change issue since the Tour had faced opposition about the participation of a *male/now female* playing in the women's event. Apparently, if the gender change is complete, he is now a she and will be allowed to play as a female. So, play the table, ladies, not your opponent.

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EDUCATE YOUR THERAPIST

Does your therapist really want to help you, but doesn't know much about transsexualism?

The **Montgomery Institute** presented a one-day workshop entitled Gender Dysphoria: Characteristics, Origins, Intervention on March 31, 1994 at the Annual Convention of the **Southeastern Psychological Association** (SEPA) in New Orleans, Louisiana.

This was the most complete workshop ever given on this subject at a major convention. Presented by nationally recognized experts on transsexualism, including two experienced psychologists, a Medical Director, and the Directors of the Montgomery Institute, it carried six (6) hours of continuing education credits.

This comprehensive, multi-media seminar on the diagnosis and treatment of gender dysphoria taught therapists the appropriate care of transsexuals. Slides and videotaped interviews of 25 transsexuals were used to illustrate feelings and experiences. Diagnostic and treatment approaches were based on the clinical and research experience of the presenters, who have treated hundreds of transsexuals in conjunction with the Montgomery Institute. Therapists left understanding the pain of gender dysphoria and the growth potential of transition.

For further information about this unique seminar, contact:

Montgomery Institute
P O Box 33311,
Decatur GA 30033 USA

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ANN ARBOR VOTES TO OPPOSE ANTI-GAY PETITION

In a unanimous vote, the **City Council of Ann Arbor, Michigan** voted on April 18, 1994 to oppose, "...any legislation or ballot proposal that would infringe upon the power of municipalities to provide human rights protection on the basis of sexual orientation."

A petition, approved by the Board of State Canvassers, proposes to amend the Constitution of the State of Michigan to deny human rights protection based on sexual orientation. If enough signatures are gathered, this Colorado-style proposal will appear on the November, 1994 ballot.

"This country is about ending discrimination, not endorsing it in our constitution," said Councilman **Christopher Kolb**, who sponsored the resolution. "What little rights I enjoy by living in Ann Arbor would be wiped out," said Kolb, who is gay. "I know all too well the discrimination gays and lesbians face every day."

Detroit's City Council has also gone on record opposing the initiative. Other Michigan cities with human rights ordinances banning discrimination based on sexual orientation are expected to follow suit.

(Key to Freedom, National Gender Dysphoria Organization, P O Box 02732, Detroit, Michigan 48202 USA.)

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ELAINE BARRIE PROJECT CARRYING ON

It has been reported to *Nu-Scene* that yet another trans-organization has bit the dust. This time it is the **Transition** group, which was Victoria (Australia) based. Apparently it was exclusively for transsexuals who happened to be "on the SRS Program" at the Monash Medical Centre in Melbourne and it had a reign of some four or five years' duration. Of fairly recent times quite a number of organizations have faded into oblivion, including the **TV/TS Support Group** in London, England; **The Phoenix Society** of South Africa and the **Flamingo Society** of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia. Contrary to the malicious rumours, the **Elaine Barrie Project**, in the words of its founder, "is in no danger of following in the footsteps of the aforementioned organizations." Miss Elaine Barrie hastened to add, "The **E.B.P.** today is in a stronger position than ever it has been in its 16-year history. Our reserve funds are healthy and with 108 members we are going from strength to strength; I can assure all, that the E.B.P. will be around for many, many years to come."

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IT'S OKAY!

A MAGAZINE ON SEXUALITY, SEX, SELF-ESTEEM AND DISABILITY

It's Okay! a magazine of information for and by persons with disabilities, has begun to address the issues of the gay and lesbian disabled communities, and seeks input from transgendered disabled persons as well. As the editor points out, being gay and disabled is a double whammy of trying to find how to live, much less how to love. How do disabled transgenderists cope? The publication seeks articles and letters, with or without photos, that address dealing with the problems of being both disabled and transgendered.

It's Okay!
c/o Phoenix Counsel, Inc.
One Springbank Drive
St. Catherines, Ontario L2S 2K1
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SYRACUSE GROUP ACQUIRES HOUSE

Located in Syracuse, New York, what will become **EON HOUSE** is an 1895 historic victorian mansion with 15 rooms and approximately 8700 square feet of interior space. Built by renown Syracuse architect **Archimedes Russell**, the house is a classic example of high Queen Anne architecture, with a limestone foundation, full turret, and widow's porch. Its interior is remarkable for its oak woodwork, fireplaces, complex parquet floors, ornamental plaster ceilings, and Tudor-influenced grand entrance hall and stairway.

Expressing Our Nature, Inc., intends to purchase and undertake restoration of this house. This project will be central to the continued fulfillment of its mission as a Federal 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charity formed in 1990 to advance the interests and meet the needs of transgendered people in Central New York state and elsewhere in our society.

Since its formation, **EON** has been housed in a 1200 square foot space in the remodeled third floor of the parish house belonging to Trinity Church of Syracuse. With a dwindling host congregation, the imminent retirement of its pastor and the closing down of this particular church within the Episcopal Diocese, the future availability of EON's space within the Church's parish house becomes increasingly unclear. The "handwriting on the wall" adds weight to the fact that EON has had for some time the need to expand out of its present quarters in order to more completely fulfill its statement of purpose, which includes the offering of direct aid and housing to the transgendered in need, and to interact with and actively support the efforts of similar charities and service organizations by sharing/providing meeting and event space.

EON HOUSE will be another *Westside Miracle* in Syracuse.

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FallHarvest'94 HOTEL CHANGED

Iowa Artistry was informed that on June 1st the host motel for **Fall Harvest 1994** had been sold and was closing November 1st, two weeks prior to the event.

Iowa Artistry is proud to announce that Fall Harvest '94 will be held at the **Sheraton Inn, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.** This luxury hotel offers many advantages to Fall Harvest attendees. It is close to the airport; has beautifully redecorated rooms; a 24-hour pool with sauna, whirlpool, and exercise room; an exciting bar; and one of the premiere restaurants in Cedar Rapids. Above all, the Sheraton offers excellent meeting and banquet facilities that will enhance the weekend experience.

The room rate, $55 for one or two persons, is slightly higher than the figure quoted before, but still below the rate for most events. We hope you agree that this increase is offset by the lower rates for the weekend, $125 single and $75 for spouses. Please register by September 15.

There are other hotels near the Sheraton offering slightly lower rates. We feel, however, that there is an advantage in staying at the host hotel. The convenience alone may offset the slight difference in cost. If you would like information on other hotels, please contact us. This information will also be in your registration packet.

Please make plans to join us for this delightful event! For further information, please contact:

Fall Harvest '94
c/o Iowa Artistry
P O Box 75
Cedar Rapids IA 52406-0075

☎(319) 373-3031

Sheraton Inn,Cedar Rapids, Iowa

☎(800) 325-3535, (319) 366-8671

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TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND'S 11TH ANNUAL FALL FLING

Tiffany Club of New England announces that its eleventh annual **Fall Fling** will be held at the **Boatslip Beach Club** in Provincetown, Massachusetts on **October 6-11, 1994.** This event is purposely kept unstructured to keep cost to a minimum, and so that guests might take maximum advantage of the many opportunities available in Provincetown: spending time with old and new friends, roaming Cape Cod's spectacular beaches, exploring the many shops and restaurants, joining in group excursions... Membership in the Tiffany Club is not required to attend the event. For further information, write:

TCNE, Inc (FallOut)
P O Box 2283
Woburn MA 01888-0483

☎ (617) 891-9325

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SEXUAL MINORITIES ARCHIVES FORMS, INCLUDES NEW ALEXANDRIA LESBIAN LIBRARY AS A CORE COLLECTION

Northampton, MA. A national **Sexual Minorities Archives** (SMA) has formed in Northampton, Massachusetts to document and preserve the histories of all sexual minorities including Lesbians, Bisexuals, Gay men, Transsexuals, Transvestites, S/M-Leatherfolk and Fetishists. The archives are housed in the residence of **Bet Power**, a female-to-male nonoperative transsexual, and has expanded from the holdings of the **New Alexandria Lesbian Library** (NALL). NALL, a national collection of Lesbian herstory, was founded in Chicago, Illinois on July 12, 1974 and has been housed by Bet Power in Northampton since September, 1979. The Sexual Minorities Archives began to develop in January, 1992, and over the past two years, have expanded in scope as historical materials have been increasingly donated by members of diverse sexual minority communities.

The Sexual Minorities Archives is a living testament to the diverse and interwoven nature of the queer communities and a beacon of hope for the inclusion and unity of all who struggle against discrimination based on sexual identity.

SMA is seeking donations of books, periodicals, subject files, unpublished papers, photographs and all media from all sexual minority communities. NALL will remain a distinct core collection within SMA and continues to actively seek Lesbian contributions. The combined archives include over 3,000 books, 700 periodical sets and thousands of subject files, art, music, memorabilia and multi-media

Researchers and community members may visit the Sexual Minorities Archives and NALL by calling or writing for an appointment about a week in advance of a planned visit. For more information or to donate materials, call (413) 584-7616 or write to:

Sexual Minorities Archives
P O Box 402, Florence Station
Northampton MA 01060 USA

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TS RUNS FOR SEAT ON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Susan Kimberly, who served on the City Council of St. Paul, Minnesota for four years in the 1970s before undergoing sex-change surgery, is now a candidate for a seat on the Ramsey County Board of Supervisors. While serving on the St. Paul City Council, Ms. Kimberly was the president and chair of the city's Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

Ms. Kimberly recognizes that her transsexuality will be an issue in her upcoming race. "A substantial number of people have been able to set aside that issue, at least to the point where they can consider voting for me" Ms. Kimberly was quoted as stating in the 24 February-3 March 1994 edition of the Twin City alternative paper, *Equal Time*. "Will it be an issue in the campaign? Yes, it well be an issue, more likely than not it will be an unspoken issue. The fact is, this hasn't been done before."

Two transsexual women currently hold elected office in the United States, a City Council member in a small Colorado town and a legislator in the Massachusetts State Assembly.

Ms. Kimberly is optimistic regarding her chances of victory, citing the results in her district of the 1991 campaign to prevent St. Paul's gay rights ordinance from being repealed. "And when I win this election, that issue is going to die. It's like when Harvey Milk finally got elected in San Francisco. Someone has got to break the ice. And once it breaks, it quickly becomes commonplace," she stated.

Ms. Kimberly, currently the Executive Director of the St. Paul Coalition for Community Development, an agency devoted to housing and economic development in low-income neighborhoods has served on the St. Paul City Council, and also served for six-and-a-half years on the Metropolitan Waste Management Commission and for two years as an assistant to former Mayor George Latimar.

Her candidacy has received the endorsement of the St. Paul Building & Construction Council; the Trades & Labor Assembly; Council 14 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; Minnesota NOW; the Feminist Caucus of the Fourth District Democratic Farmer and Labor (DFL) and the Christine Jorgensen DFL Caucus.

At her party's state endorsement convention, Ms. Kimberly received more votes than any other candidate, but not enough to gain party endorsement. If more than one other person files to run, she will run in the primary elections scheduled for September. If she wins that race, she will then go on to run in the general election in November.

(Adapted from *TransSisters: the Journal of Transsexual Feminism*, 4004 Troost Avenue, Kansas City MO 64110 USA.)

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SEEKING INFORMATION ON INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE

In the 1970s, a TV/TS support group known as the **International Alliance** met at a Unitarian church in Adelphi, Maryland, about 8 miles northeast of Washington, DC. It was run by **Ms. Linda Ann Stevens**. I became a member in November, 1977, but was unable to attend any subsequent meetings. I lost contact with the group around 1980. In 1983, I heard a group was meeting at the same Unitarian church, but did not attend a meeting until a year later. It was indeed the same support group, but no longer carried the name International Alliance. At that time, an Evelyn and a Wendy ran the group. They had to leave in February, 1985, and I took over.

Today, the group is known as the **Washington-Baltimore Alliance** (WBA). It has the same meeting place. The WBA has truly come a long way over the years. And next year, the group will possibly become twenty years old. I say possibly because I am not sure exactly when the group started. It is not a huge group, but it is and has been a stepping stone for many of us in the transgendered community.

My appeal is to those who were in the administrative positions or who were members of the International Alliance in the 1970s. I especially want to hear from **Ms. Linda Ann Stevens** and **Ms. Glenda Rene Jones**. Please call me, collect if necessary, or write.

Roberta Lewis
P O Box 50724
Washington DC 20091-0724
☎(301) 277-5475

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THERAPY GROUP FOR CROSSDRESSERS AND/OR PARTNERS

The Stellrecht Clinic, located in St. Paul, Minnesota, is offering a weekly therapy group for persons dealing with issues of crossdressing.

This group is open to crossdressers, whether single or married, and/or their partners. The purpose of the meeting will be to assist individuals in developing insights and coping strategies around issues of crossdressing.

The goal is to encourage personal acceptance, thereby enhancing growth opportunities for each group member. This is a unique opportunity to explore crossdressing issues in a supportive, respectful, and non-judgmental environment.

For further information, please contact the Stellrecht Clinic at (612) 699-7050 and ask for Diane.

Your confidentiality will be respected at all times.

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BREAST AUGMENTATION TECHNIQUE

FREE is not a word we hear very often, especially in the crossdressing community, where all too often we have to protect ourselves against those who would charge the uninitiated or naive $40 for a pair of panties. An information package now available which introduces a program which promises SAFE, POSITIVE and ABSOLUTELY CHEMICAL-FREE BREAST ENLARGEMENT is just that, FREE.

A very dedicated, lifelong crossdresser has chosen, at her own expense, to share with anyone interested, the process she and several of her friends have developed and utilized to dramatically increase their breast size.

"It is time that I share this process with my sisters," says author **C.L.T.**, "and I don't want or need to charge for it. My goal is for more of my sisters to attain a level of femininity they may not think possible. Up to this point, my 20 years of experimentation and refinement with and of this process has only been shared with select acquaintances. Until relatively recently, I was rather shy and almost embarrassed about the amount of time and effort I have put into this endeavor and my own success with it. It was the girls I worked with along the way who asked me to bring the process to our community so anyone who wishes to can enjoy this wonderful feminine dimension."

C.L.T. will send a 10-page introduction to the process she calls the **B.R.E.A.S.T.** Plan (Breast Restructuring Enlarging And Stretching Technique) and a videotape (if requested) which demonstrates the entire procedure. The "secret" is in wearing the right bra, using a breast pump and supplemental breast massage to develop breasts to the B, C and even D cup level. Based on the photos we saw, it might be worth a $.29 investment. It seems we may have nothing to lose, and cup sizes to gain. Why not? In addition to the information package, C.L.T. will place you on her mailing list for quarterly editions of *34-C* (her natural bra size), which shares user information and other thoughts about creating a more perfectly feminine figure.

C.L.T.
P O Box 115
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RESPONSE TO AEGIS QUESTIONNAIRE ABOUT *STANDARDS* GRATIFYING

Barely a month has elapsed since **AEGIS** mailed a questionnaire about **The Standards of Care of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association** to various transgender organizations and individuals. Already more than 140 completed questionnaires have been returned.

The purpose of the questionnaire is to determine whether respondents have heard about the **HBIGDA** Standards of Care, and if so, when and from whom they learned of them. Respondents are also asked for their opinion of the Standards.

"We've evaluated over a hundred questionnaires so far," said **Dallas Denny**, AEGIS' Executive Director, "We're finding that most respondents have heard of the Standards of Care and believe that they serve a useful purpose. We're also finding that many transgendered persons have told their physicians and therapists about the Standards.

"One recurring theme in the comments is that different people have different needs. Many of the respondents believe that the Standards need to address this.

"Of course, this is just our impression from entering data from over a hundred forms into the computer. We've not yet done a statistical analysis. We had hoped to present preliminary results at the HBIGDA meeting this fall—sort of a 'This is what we're planning to do' presentation, but our Director's membership began after the request for papers had been mailed, so she never saw it. She sent the proposal to the HBIGDA office rather than to one of the program chairs. It was just one of those things, nobody's fault, but we missed the deadline for submissions. We still hope to be able to distribute results at the meeting, but that is of course dependent upon permission of HBIGDA.

"We're already thinking about the questionnaire as a pilot. It was designed to be a 'shotgun' instrument to give us some sense of how familiar transgendered people are with the Standards and how they feel about them. Of necessity we kept it short, one page front and back, so we could reach the greatest possible number of people. Phase Two will consist of a more detailed questionnaire and perhaps a personal or telephone interview of a smaller sample of people. We do plan to eventually present our results formally.

"We would like to thank the respondents for this gratifying early response. We would also like to thank the groups and organizations which have printed the questionnaire in their newsletter or duplicated the questionnaire at their own expense."

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AEGIS & TULA COMBINE TO RAISE $ $ $ FOR GENDER COMMUNITY

The city of Atlanta, Georgia declared March 6, 1994 Tula Day in honor of the world's most famous transsexual model. The **American Educational Gender Information Service** used the occasion to hold a fund-raising benefit for **AEGIS** and the **Lambda Community Center** in that city.

AEGIS, in conjunction with the local support group, **Atlanta Gender Expressions**, held a Tulafest at a local gay nightclub, Backstreet, which included a raffle of a charcoal sketch of the famous model by her husband David. Tula herself appeared for photographs with fans, and autographed copies of her book, *My Story*, which was offered for sale during the event. The event raise $950 for the two organizations.

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TRANSEQUAL HOTLINE REOPENS

In recent weeks, two court-related cases have gone very badly for the transgenderist and transsexual communities. The decisions made will reduce, and may even withhold, the rights of transvestites, transsexuals and transgenderists all across Canada.

In a federal review of a Widow's Pension case launched by a Hamilton-based transsexual, **Mr. Justice Paul Rouleau** has found that because "[she] still has a penis [she] is legally a man and is therefore not eligible for pension benefits" and "The [Veteran's] act requires more than a person holding themselves out to be a member of the opposite sex, the act specifically requires that the person be a member of the opposite sex."

Also, in a disastrous strategic error, an Ontario transsexual has contacted **Phyllis Frye**'s International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy and has received documents advising that she should proceed on the basis of Handicap and Sexual Orientation. When talking about this case, the ICTLEP newsletter states "[Laws] in many states describe sexual orientation as an improper cause for dismissal from employment. Recognizing the Harry Benjamin Association Standards of Care for Transsexuals to describe transsexualism as 'a medically recognizable condition with a prescribed course of treatment' defines transsexuals as disadvantaged or handicapped in the medical sense. By extension legal protection inherent in [laws] in various states should reasonably then provide employment discrimination protection for transsexuals once so diagnosed." A human rights complaint has now been filed in conjunction with this misguided advice. If she happens to win her case on this basis it will undoubtedly destroy everything our Canadian peers have gained in recent months.

Let us be very clear about this: the federal courts have thrown our womanhood in the garbage, and the ICTLEP seeks to cast us all back into the cauldron of Mental Incompetence, asking psychiatry for permission to have rights. **Over my dead body!** In the words of John F. Kennedy, "Whenever the rights of one person are diminished, the rights of everyone are threatened."

In hopes of combating these two bits of legal lunacy, I have reconnected the **TransEqual hotline, (905) 688-0276**, and I am working on a damage control strategy that should be in place shortly. If we are to overcome this, I will need your help and support. Please call for more information. We must fight back, and we must win!

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TRI-ESS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DONATES COLLECTION TO NORTHRIDGE

Accompanied by **Marlene**, Director of Chapter Development, **Carol Beecroft** recently visited **California State Northridge in Southern California** where Carol and Marlene presented a collection of over 90 different publications representing that many crossdressing organizations including those from **Tri-Ess** chapters.

Carol sid that many of the organizations are no longer in existence—which, Carol emphasizes, makes these particular periodicals very valuable to historians. Included in this collection of materials are rare periodicals and business minutes dealing with the **Mamselle Sorority**, the organization Carol led from 1971 to 1976.

Many of the now-defunct crossdressing groups had quality periodicals, of which a few contained over 20 pages per issue.

Carol says that future historians and researchers, perhaps 100 to 150 years from now, will benefit from the materials that form the Bullough Collection at California State Northridge. Dr. Bullough says that the Bullough Collection is now the largest repository of material dealing with crossdressing under one roof in the United States. The collection also contains thousands of books and other materials dealing with the subject of sex.

Carol asks that all crossdressing organizations, including Tri-Ess chapters, send their periodicals to her for future presentation to the Bullough Collection.

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SEPTEMBER, 1994

3: FTM Get-Together, Manchester University, ENGLAND
Stephen Whittle, 376 Upper Brook Street, Victoria Park, Manchester M13 0EP ENGLAND

3-4: GENDYS '94 Conference, Manchester University, ENGLAND
Conference Organisers, BM GENTRUST, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

15-18: Paradise in the Poconos™, Canadensis, Pennsylvania USA
Creative Design Services, P O Box 61263, King of Prussia PA 19406 (215) 640-9449

15-18: 4th New Women's Conference, Guerneville, California USA
NWC, c/o Ms. Wendi Kaiser, P O Box 67, South Berwick ME 03980-0067 USA
(207) 676-5870 FAX (207) 676-4433

28-October 2: 4th Annual Southern Comfort, Atlanta, Georgia USA
Southern Comfort, P O Box 77591, Atlanta GA USA (404) 875-5749

OCTOBER, 1994

6-10: 11th Annual Fall Fling, Provincetown, Massachusetts USA
TCNE, Inc (FallOut), P O Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483
(617) 891-9325

16-23: 20th Annual Fantasia Fair, Provincetown, Massachusetts USA
Alison Laing, P O Box 941, Southeastern PA 19399-0941

28-30: Harmony Weekend, Scarborough, ENGLAND
Martine Rose, 29 Roundel Street, Sheffield S9 3LE ENGLAND

NOVEMBER, 1994

9-13: Tri-Ess Holiday En Femme, New York, New York USA
Holiday En Femme, c/o Lynda Frank, 330 West 45th Street #3H, New York NY 10036
(212) 765-3561

17-20: Fall Harvest, Iowa City, Iowa USA
Iowa Artistry, P O Box 75, Cedar Rapids IA 52406-0075

18-19: TS, TG, CD: Psychological & Medical Aspects of Diagnosis and Treatment, Tampa, Florida USA
Tampa Stress Center, P O Box 273107, Tampa FL 33688-3107
(813) 884-7835 FAX (813) 935-6848

18-20: 3rd Annual Riverside Gala Weekend, Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania USA
Erie Sisters, 2115 West 8th Street, Suite 261, Erie PA 16505

DECEMBER, 1994

5-7: Innvestments Christmas on the Cape, Cape Cod, Massachusetts USA
Innvestments, P O Box 2194, Orleans MA 02653 USA

29-31: Transgender Pride Conference, Helsinki, FINLAND
SETA Helsinki, P O Box 55, FIN-00531 Helsinki, FINLAND

JANUARY, 1995
FEBRUARY, 1995

23-26: 7th Annual Texas T Party, San Antonio, Texas USA
Texas T Party, P O Box 700042, San Antonio TX 78270 USA
(210) 980-7788

MARCH, 1995

13-19: Coming Together Convention, Atlanta, Georgia USA
IFGE, P O Box 367, Wayland MA 01778-0367 USA

31-April 2: Full Circle of Women, Essex, Massachusetts USA
Janis Walworth, P O Box 52, Ashby MA 01431 USA (508) 386-7737

APRIL, 1995

20-23: 3rd Annual Moonlight in Manhattan, New York, New York USA
Moonlight in Manhattan, c/o Lynda Frank, 330 West 45th Street #3H, New York NY 10036
(212) 765-3561

20-23: California Dreamin' '95, Burbank, California
California Dreamin', P O Box 1088, Yorba Linda CA 92686 USA
(714) 779-9013

MAY, 1995

: EuroFantasia, Ebeltoft, Denmark
EuroFantasia, Box 442, N-4301 Sandnes, NORWAY FAX: Intercode+47-51 66 24 22

17-21: Esprit, Port Angeles, Oregon USA
Esprit, P O Box 873, Kirkland WA 98083-0873 USA

30-June 5: Spring Fling, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, USA
TCNE, P O Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483 (617) 891-9325

JUNE, 1995

7-11: 13th Annual Be All, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA
Cross-Port, P O Box 54657, Cincinnati OH 45254-0657

JULY, 1995

27-30: Spouses Partners International Conference for Education (SPICE) Memphis, Tennessee USA
Linda Peacock, P O Box 24031, Little Rock AR 72221 (501) 227-8798

MAY, 1995

16-20: Transgen '95
ICTLEP, 5707 Firenza, Houston, TX 77035-5515 USA

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FUNDRAISING REPORT

by **Abby Saypen**

The needs of our community are diverse. The members of *The Fund Raising Committee* never know exactly what requests will be made of them. The only thing that is for sure is that we must consider all projects that will directly or indirectly benefit our community.

Two weeks ago I attended a little party and ran into Kerri Reeder, who is heading up the effort to revise and professionalize the IFGE publications brochure. Kerri, who is thoroughly familiar with sales and marketing (she just brought a company she worked for from near bankruptcy to profitability), asked that we provide some money for a new piece of computer equipment that she needs to revise the brochure. Coincidentally, this piece of equipment would also speed up and improve *Tapestry* production, and save in excess of $1000 per year. Who do you think Kerri came to? Naturally, *The Fund Raising Committee.*

Last week I received a letter from Sandra Cole telling me about a project she is working on to present a national conference for the training of professionals in transgender issues. What is unique about this program is that the faculty will consist primarily of members of the transgender community, and the "students" will be educators, therapists and counselors. What a role reversal.

Dr. Cole wrote me that letter to let me know she will be coming to our community for help with her project as she rightly should. Who is it, specifically, that she will be coming to? *The IFGE Fund Raising Committee.*

The IFGE Fund Raising Committee is charged with ensuring that worthy projects are presented to the community for funding. The call may be for seed money, or operating funds or for some emergency. Whichever it is, we are it. If we can't provide the funds, there isn't much else out there. Only we, the members of this community will take care of us. There is no one else we can rely on. It is an awesome responsibility that the members of *The Fund Raising Committee* take on, and we depend on the members of the community. It is your generosity that has helped us to come this far. And we have come far. But it is not how far we have come that sustains us, it is how far we can go. We are explorers in uncharted territory, except that we know that what we accomplish will benefit us all, not only the transgender community, but all minorities. If we think about it, we are a nation of minorities, except that some minorities think they are the majority and want to impose their standards and beliefs on the other minorities.

Please remember this when you receive your letter in the mail from *The IFGE Fund Raising Committee.* You will have the opportunity to help us, help your community, and further the interests of virtually every discriminated-against minority in this country.

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IFGE Second Quarter Financial Review

OBSERVATIONS

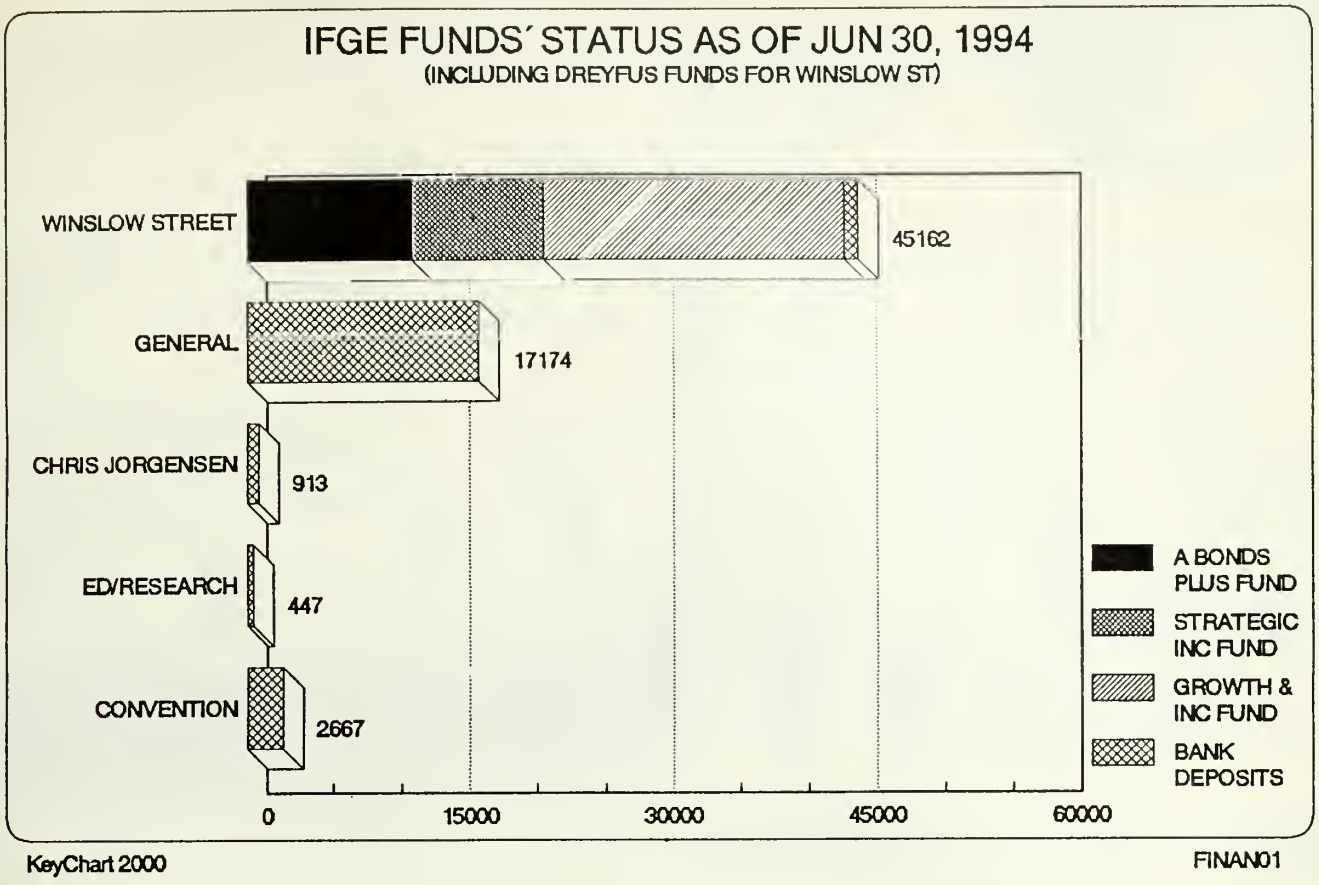
by **Laura Caldwell**, Chair, Budget Committee

This is our fourth consecutive quarter of open financial reporting on all aspects of our enterprise. We do that in an honest, straightforward manner, so that all in the Community can share our reported results. I don't know of another organization in our Community that shares such information so openly. This, of course, is the way it should be, but that policy carries certain risk as well. There are some in our midst who will take our financial reports, twist their meaning derisively and apply carping and backbiting in public print to advance their own business at our expense. This is part of the price we have to pay for an open dialogue. It does not mean we have to stoop to their level to respond. We simply have to be strong enough to persevere, knowing that those "knocking us" will be evaluated by all readers in our Community who see such backbiting in print for what it is.

The magnitude of our challenge in the second half-year is upon us. To match our contribution total of last year we must raise $68,000 more by the end of the year. We have some exciting projects now in progress which should unfold by year-end. In one way we have a lot going for us. Our problem now is to convince people of the necessity of financially supporting our organization. Indeed, we must examine our own conscience with respect to our own financial support for the cause. Abby and Sharon will lead the charge in Fund Raising with both the appeal letter and coordinating articles in *Tapestry.* I sincerely hope I can count on all of you to make our second half memorable , and thereby ensure a successful 1994.

CHART FINAN01

The Winslow Street Fund has changed its investment strategy since the first quarter. The new look features the same Dreyfus A Bonds+ and Strategic Income Fund (bonds), but we have moved money into the Dreyfus Growth & Income Fund, which deals with stocks,



to provide a more aggressive stance to improve growth in our endowment fund. The result positions Winslow Street half in stocks and half in bonds. As all of you know, the market in the second quarter was not friendly to anyone, including Winslow Street, and our investments declined by 7%. But there will be better quarters.

Our overall cash position, excluding Winslow Street, totaled $21,201, which is simply the addition of the four remaining bars in the chart.

Our second quarter revenue (sales and contributions) improved 6% over the year-ago period. The bottom line for the first half is a minus $3,092, and that includes everything. There are two ways to view this number: First, there is still a small leak in the ship, but it is identifiable—stemming from a lack of revenue. We are at the point where even $5,000-10,000 would make a real difference in first half results. Instead, we absorbed a 3% shortfall. Second, is that the -$3,092 is small enough to make up with a decent second half in sales and contributions.

CHARTS FINAN05 AND FR02

In both these charts I have included a new feature, showing a comparison of the previous year's first half, so that you would have a visual picture of our current situation, which is not good. In the General Fund chart (FINAN05) our contributions have improved somewhat, but are offset by a decline in sales. And that slide is directly attributable to non-IFGE publications and videos, accounting for $11,000 of the $14,000 decline. There are several reasons for this situation: First is an obsolescent product line. Some of our publication titles are simply tired and "wearing out." To correct the situation we have added seven new non-IFGE releases, plus three new IFGE products. But, the bottom line is simply that our average unit sale has slipped. So far, the new products we have in the line have not offset titles that are "wearing out." Second, is that I can now identify at least eight competitors who are out there aggressively marketing their products. It is obvious to me our market position has slipped. We are not getting our share of the pie.

It is very well to talk with idealism about our whole community and the need for its solidarity and active support by everyone. But the problem is that our activity in IFGE has become a business with a defined marketplace. The competitors I spoke of are there to build their business, which in turn represents their livelihood. It is time you realize we are faced with a very serious situation. Unless we can improve our revenue (sales and contributions) we will ultimately wither and fall off the vine.

There is one ray of sunlight in the contribution picture shown in chart FR02. The number of donors has increased by 3% to 174 for the first half. That is encouraging. On the other hand, the bad side is that the average gift has fallen, and in total dollars we have only received $25,779, or 27% less than this time last year.

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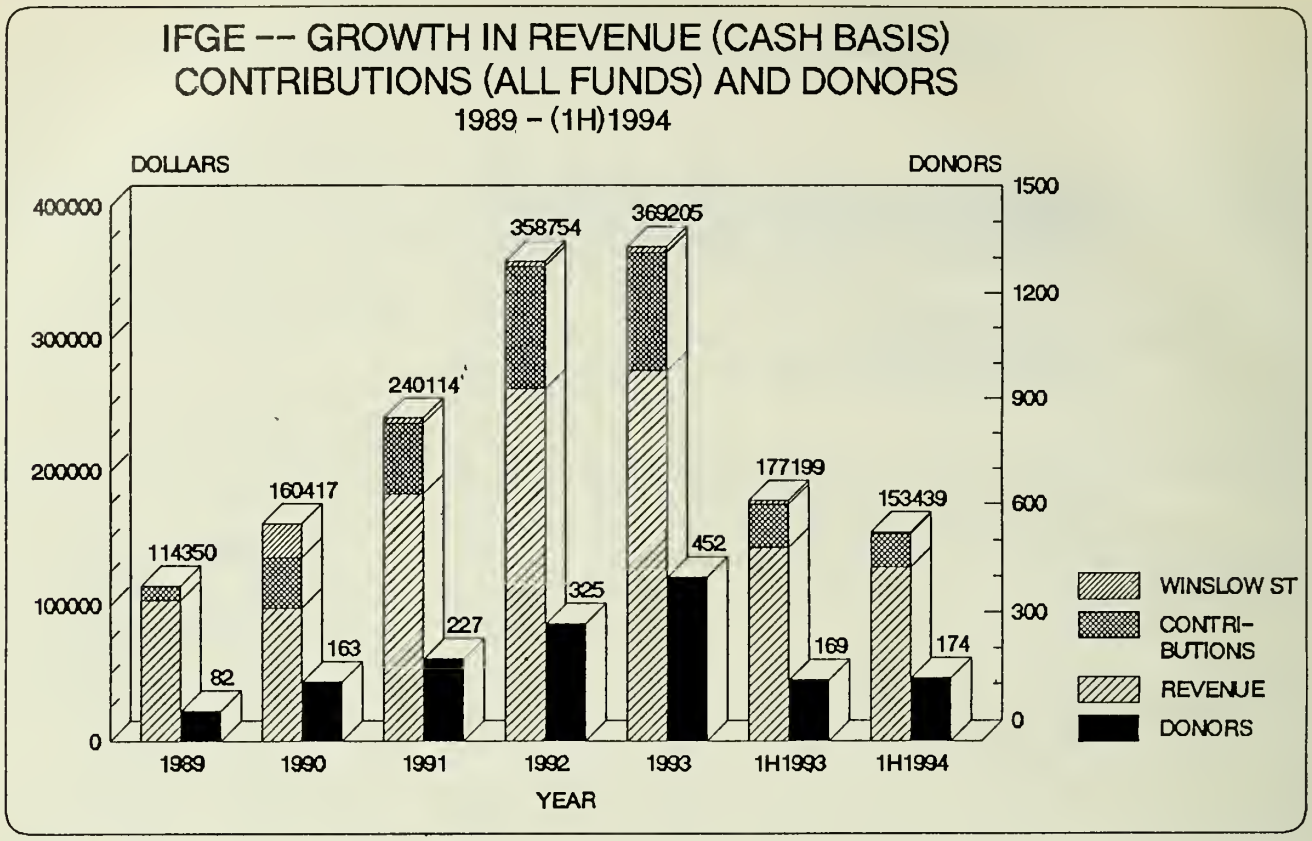
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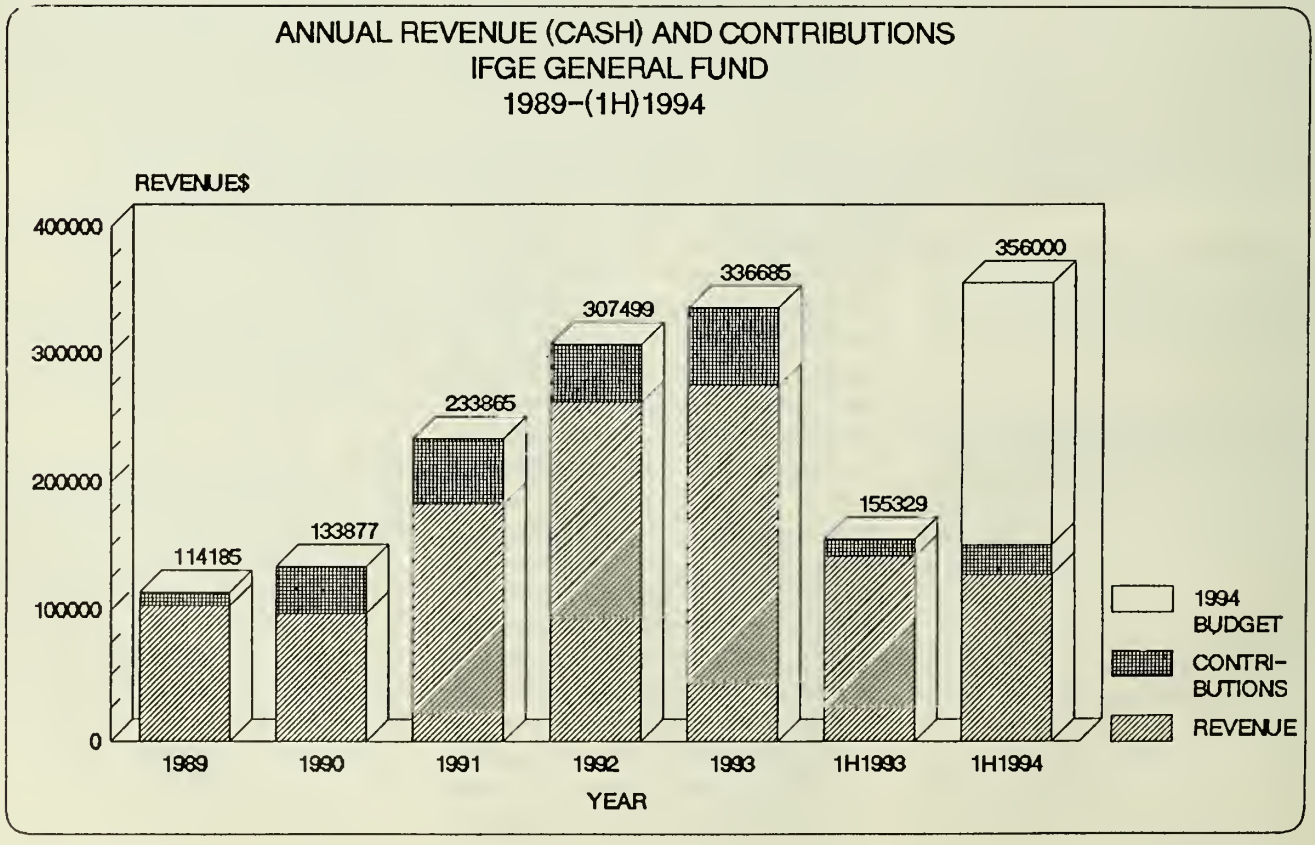
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(Updated August 1994)

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Sunshine Club, c/o Roberta Steel, P O Box 149, Hadley MA 01035.
Monthly meetings at a church in Pioneer Valley area. Discretion and toleration expected.
✍ Monthly newsletter

FTM/SO - **EAST COAST FEMALE-TO-MALE GROUP:**
P O Box 60585, Florence Station, Northampton MA 01060
Meets in the homes of members. Social activities and networking with other FTMs. Meetings are potluck buffet.

TV/TS - **BERKSHIRE ALTERNATIVES:**
P O Box 508, North Adams MA 01247
Social and support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered. Meets the first Friday of each month.

TV/TS - **THE MYRIAD NETWORK:**
P O Box 288, Williamstown MA 01267
Support without regard to sexual orientation or gender identity. Publish quarterly.
✍ *The Myriad Network News.*

TV/TS - **INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR GENDER EDUCATION:** Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Executive Director.
I.F.G.E., Box 367, Wayland MA 01778-0367.
Educational and service organization designed to serve as an effective communications medium, outreach device, and networking facility for the entire TV/TS Community and those affected by that Community. Publisher of materials relevant to the TV/TS theme. Sponsors the annual Coming Together convention. An international information and referral clearinghouse, speakers' bureau, "drop-in bookstore" for emergency peer counselling and ongoing volunteer work ☎ (617) 894-8340 FAX (617) 899-5703
✍ *TV-TS Tapestry Journal*

FTM/SO - **THE ADAM SOCIETY:**
c/o Dan Riley, P O Box 367, Wayland MA 01778-0367.
Support group for female-to-male crossdressers and transsexuals, and their significant others. Monthly meetings. ✍ *Adam's Word*

TV/TS/SO - **TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND, Inc.:**
TCNE, P O Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483.
Organizing get-togethers, workshops, seminars, and beauty courses, referrals, a speakers'

bureau, and group outings. Attendees must be interviewed by a member of the Screening Committee, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person. ☎(617) 891-9325 (answered live Tuesdays 7:00-10:00pm EST) ⇨ *Rosebuds*

SO - **TIFFANY CLUB WIVES' SUPPORT GROUP**: c/o TCNE, Inc., Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483
Monthly meetings, one-on-one support. ☎(617) 891-9325 (answered live Tuesdays 7:00 - 10:00pm EST)

TV/TS - **REFLECTIONS**: P O Box 4002, East Dedham MA 02026
Providing public speaking, advocacy, support phone line, therapy group, library, referral database. Meets fourth Saturday of each month, 3:00-5:00pm at the Arlington Street Church, 351 Boylston St. at Arlington St., Boston. ☎(617) 323-6082 ⇨ Newsletter

TS - **GENDER IDENTITY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR TRANSSEXUALS**
G.I.S.S.T. is a support and referral group for transsexuals providing AIDS education, HIV testing, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, therapeutic assistance, job training, social skills, social acceptance, gender identity counseling, and housing. Meets weekly. Call for location and time. ☎(617) 742-5785

TS - **GETTING REAL**: P O Box 194, West Newton MA 02165
Support group for hermaphrodites, intersexes, primary TSs, and others with sexual/gender incongruities and their families. Medical information, advice and support. Monthly meetings in downtown Boston. No fee. Free parking.

TV/TS/SO - **AXA**: P O Box 380547, Cambridge MA 02238
Social support group offers individual support, sharing of resources, open discussions, advocacy in support of civil rights for transgenderists. Weekly meetings Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA. No dues or fees. Interview required.

TV/TS - **TRANSGENDERED ALLIANCE**: TGA, P O Box 38-1005, Cambridge MA 02238
A political organization working to unite the transgender community around a program advocating its own political and social interests; organizes and educates for human rights for transgendered people and for liberation from restrictive gender roles; supports the International Gender Bill of Rights.

TV/TS/SO - **INNVESTMENTS**: P O Box 2194, Orleans MA 02653
Social support group for those on Cape Cod and SE MA. Meets first Tuesday each month except for summer. Inquire for time and place. ⇨ Newsletter

TV/TS - **SOCIETY OF CROSS-DRESSING HARDWARE ENGINEERS**: SCHE, 276 Pearl Street #L, Cambridge MA 02139 ⇨ *SCHE Mail.*

JOSEFINA A. SPECKERT, MEd: 30 East Housatonic St, Suite #3, Pittsfield MA 01201
Psychotherapist specialising in gender issues.

PEOPLE*SYSTEMS POTENTIAL: Niela Miller, MS Ed, LCSW, P O Box 132, Nagog Woods MA 01718
Counseling for crossdressers, gender confused persons, partners, family members. Monthly group for CDs and TSs in Concord, Mass. Supervision available for mental health professionals. ☎ (508) 264-4565

NEW HORIZONS COUNSELING: Clyde Hilburn, MSWCandidate, P O Box 191, Ashland MA 01721
Individual counseling and support groups for those dealing with gender issues. ☎ (508) 435-6656

DIANE ELLABORN, LICSW, NASW, Diplomate in Clinical Social Work: 16 Boston Post Rd., Suite 205, Wayland MA 01778
Psychotherapist with 15 years experience provides psychotherapy and divorce mediation for CD/TS, transgendered people and their spouses. ☎ (508) 877-9671

ELKE U. O'DONNELL, PhD:
43 Roberts Road, Cambridge MA 02138
Supportive, confidential counseling for transgendered people. Open to spiritual issues and dreams. ☎ (617) 876-6489

THESEUS COUNSELING SERVICES: Ari Kane, MEd, Gender Specialist, 233 Harvard Street, Suite 302, Brookline MA 02146
Counseling in gender issues, couples counseling where dressing is an issue in the relationship, gender clarification for gender shift people, long-term counseling for pre-op TSs, professional supervision for social workers and guidance counselors. All sessions are by appointment. ☎ 617-277-4360

SERVICES FOR MEN (AND THEIR FAMILIES):
66 Wyman Street, West Medford MA 02155
Staff of Board Certified and Licensed Social Workers, psychiatrist, and psychologist to deal with sexual and gender issues, identity problems, relationship problems, depression. Qualified for health insurance payments. Evening and Saturday hours available. ☎ (617) 395-2450

DENNIS PEARNE, EdD: Consultations: 9 Alexander Ave, Belmont Ctr, MA 02178. Mailing: 133 Grove St., Watertown MA 02172.
Clinical psychologist. ☎ Office: (617) 484-0013

GENDER AWARENESS & INFORMATION NETWORK:
GAIN, P O Boxox 368, Boston MA 02215, Ari Kane, Director.
Referral services and educational resources for health care professionals on issues of gender conflict and gender dysphoria. Seminars, workshops, and professional supervision are offered from time to time. Memberships available to helping professionals. ☎ (617) 277-3454 ⇨ *Journal of Gender Studies*

RHODE ISLAND (028-029)

TV/TS - **SILENT PASSAGE**:
No admirers, please. Just forming in Rhode Island. Over 21, personal interview. ☎ (401) 438-7417

NEW HAMPSHIRE (030-038)

TV/TS/TG/SO - **GENDER TALK NORTH**: P O Box. 211, Keene NH 03431
Support for gender community members, family, friends, Helping professionals. Regular meetings at various locations in southern New Hampshire. Interview required for new members. ☎ (603) 924-8828

WRITERS ETC. c/o Abby M. Greene:
P O Box 6211, W. Franklin NH 03235
Twenty page gender magazine. $36/year in US, $41 yearly for Canada and overseas. Free 40-word ad. ☎ (603) 934-3379 ⇨ *Monthly Newsletter.*

NANCY STRAPKO, Ph .D .:
PO Box 157, Plymouth NH 03264
Gender Specialist. Psychotherapist serving the New England area. Private, couples, and group therapy. Formerly with U. of Minnesota. ☎ (603) 536-1306.

CHESHIRE COUNSELING:
104 Cross St., Keene, NH 03431 Ken DeVoid, Ed. D .
Gender identity counseling. Individual consultation and counseling in confidential setting, support group. Weekend and evening appointments available. ☎ (603) 357-5544

MAINE (038-047)

TV/TS/SO - **TRANSUPPORT**:
Box 17622, Portland ME 04101
Education and social activities for members of the gender community, their families and friends, and others interested in these issues. Monthly general meetings and monthly small discussion group. Speakers' bureau. Strict security. Write . ⇨ *Trans-Talk*

MAINE GENDER RESOURCE AND SUPPORT SERVICE:
c/o Jean Churchill, P O Box 1894, Bangor ME 04402-1894
Volunteer organization working to provide information, referrals, and support to Maine's transgendered community, and education about gender dysphoria to the public. NOT a support group.

OUTREACH INSTITUTE OF GENDER STUDIES:
126 Western Ave., Ste. 246, Augusta ME 04330.
Ariadne Kane, Director

Conferences and workshops on gender issues, Gender Attitude Reassessment Program for health care professionals, clinical supervision for sex educators and counselors, Fantasia Fair, speakers' bureau for meetings and conferences, seminars for couples. ☎ 207-621-0858. ⇨ *Journal of Gender Studies*, Information packets, publications, annotatedcatalogue

VERMONT (050-059)

CONNECTICUT (060-069)

TV/TS/SO - **CONNECTICUT OUTREACH SOCIETY:** COS, P O Boxox163, Farmington CT 06034

Social and educational organization. Promotes a positive self-image for cross-gendered individuals in the community and in the media. Three meetings each month.Wives' Support Group and Couples' Group; education, outreach, and speakers' bureau; social get-togethers and outings; confidential membership directory with personal ads and photos. Membership/recommendation required . ⇨ *The Outreach News*

TV/TS - **YE CG BRITS**: P O Box 106, Rocky Hill CT 06067-0106, USA

Open to British-born Male to Female crossgendered people who would like to correspond with and perhaps meet other British-born TGs for friendship and support. We also wish to change some of the TG laws in Britain. We shall be keeping in contact with TG groups in Great Britain.

TS/SO - **XX (TWENTY) CLUB**: Box 387, Hartford CT 06141-0387

XX Club is the TS peer support group of the Gender Identity Clinic of New England. Friends/relatives welcome. We meet the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 2-5pm at Christ Church Cathedral, 45 Church Street, Hartford CT (off North Main Street). Meetings are usually open, sometimes there is a prearranged program. There are occasional social events. Membership $20.00/year includes a subscription to the newsletter. Persons wishing to attend are welcome as long as they have a personal interest in transsexuality, understand the nature of the group, and will respect the anonymity of those attending. ⇨ *XX*, published bi-monthly

IMAGES:
P O Box 85, Thompson CT 06277

Provides peer support, group, and individual counseling for the transgender community. Group meetings the first Thursday of each month 7:00 to 10:00 pm in Worcester, MA. Individual counseling. 24-hour crisis hot-line to members of the group. Referrals to doctors, therapists, and other organizations. Call for phone interview. Safe and secure meeting place. ☎ (203) 779-9708 voice and FAX

CD/TV/TS/TG/SO - **P I GROUP**:
P O Boxox 245, Haddam CT 06438-0245

Supportive, safe get-togethers. Send SASE for info. Available through networked BBSs.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC OF NEW ENGLAND: GICNE,
68 Adelaide Road, Manchester CT 06040
Clinton R. Jones, Director

Provides screening for pre-operative TS applicants desirous of hormone therapy and for sex reassignment surgery approval for pre-operative TSs who have met the requirements of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association's Standards of Care. ☎ (203) 646-8651

W. RILEY SNOW, MD:
1001 Farmington Ave., Suite 302, Bristol CT 06010

General psychiatry and individual psychotherapy. Board certified. Knowledgeable about gender issues. ☎ (203) 582-1178

NEW JERSEY (070-088)

TV/TS/SO - **MONMOUTH OCEAN GROUP:** P OBox 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701

Affiliated with Renaissance Education Association in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Member Garden State Gender Coalition, ACLU, NJ Lesbian and Gay Coalition. Monthly meetings, socials, SO support, outreach. ⇨ *Monmouth-Ocean News*

TV/SO - **EAST COAST COUPLES NETWORK**: ECCN, c/o MOG, P O Box 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701

Group for couples where both partners are comfortable and supportive with the CD aspects of the relationship. Get-togethers will not be complaint sessions, but positive and uplifting.

TV/TS - **NORTHERN NEW JERSEY**: Northern New Jersey, c/o Ms. Lynda Frank, P O Box 9192, Morristown NJ 07960

Get-togethers the last Saturday of each month at various locations in northern NJ. Ms. Frank handles the TV-related affairs of the dissolved Pine Brook, NJ chapter as well. Interview required. ☎ (201) 663-0772.

TV/TS - **RENAISSANCE - SOUTH JERSEY CHAPTER:**
P O Box 189, Mays Landing NJ 08330.

Meetings the first Saturday of each month at the Atlantic Mental Health Center, Inc., 2002 Black Horse Pike, Mckee , NJ. Doors open at 7:00pm. ☎ (609)435-5401

▲ - **SIGMA NU RHO CHAPTER TRI-ESS**: SNR, P O Box 9255, Trenton NJ 08650.

Meets the fourth Saturday of each month. ☎ (609) 586-1351

TS - **TRANSSEXUAL ORGANIZATION SELFHELP:** c/o A. J. Gilberti, 6 Firethorn Way, Toms River NJ 08755.

Phone networking—self-help for male-to-female, partial or full transsexual. A way to talk and possibly meet others. Phone contact, or by mail.

▲ **-CHI DELTA MU**, P O Box 203, Oradell NJ 07649-0203

Tri-Ess Chapter.

NEW YORK (090-149)

TV/TS/SO - **CROSS DRESSERS OF NEW YORK/NYGA**:
c/o Muriel Olive, 9 W. 31st St, Suite 7R, New York NY 10001
S. Kristine James, Director, Karen Cioe, NYC Coord., Muriel Olive, Director.

Sponsors meetings, parties, dinners, ☎ (212) 570-7389

TV/TS/TG - **TRANSGENDER RIGHTS! (TGR)**:
Share Center, P O Box 892, New York NY 10009

Broadscope human rights advocacy organization run by and for transgendered people. Open meetings every other Saturday at Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 208 West 13th Street in Manhattan. ⇨ *Rights News.* ☎ (212) 979-8547

TV/TS - **IMPERIAL QUEENS OF NEW YORK & LONG ISLAND**: Suite 120, 70-A Greenwich Village Ave, New York NY 10011

A registered, genuine, supportive organization for Female Impersonators, DQs, TVs, TSs and their friends and supporters in a fun, helpful and democratic forum. We represent a unique, positive and valued element of society. Social activities for non-Gay and Gay charities. Meetings first Friday of the month, 8:00pm, Gay Community Services Center, West 13th Street and 7th Avenue. "If you've got the hi-heels, we've got the eye-deals." ☎ (212) 580-9858 (NYC), (516) 889-1980(L1). ⇨ *Imperially Yours*

TV/TS - **METROPOLITAN GENDER NETWORK**:561 Hudson Street, P O Box45, New York NY 10014

Support, advocacy, and educational group open to all segments of the gender community. Friends and guests welcome. Monthly meetings on the second Sunday., social events, lending library, resource directory, referrals. Brief meeting registration form is sent in response to new inquiries. ☎ (201) 794-1665 ext. 332. (718) 461-9050 ⇨ *City Lights*

TS - **SURVIVORS OF TRANSSEXUALITY ANONYMOUS**

A twelve-step recovery program modeled after Alcoholics Anonymous. Meets 6:30-8:00 pm on Tuesdays, and 8:30-10:00 pm on Sundays. We could arrange room and board for out of town visitors, but we do not have a place for people to stay long-term.
☎ Answering service (212) 969-0888.

TS - **THE F2M FRATERNITY:** P O Box 509, Lenox Hill Station, New York NY 10021

An information network and support group run by and for female-to-males. Meetings in private apartments in New York City about every six weeks. We welcome F-M TSs, anyone who is experiencing gender dysphoria or considers themselves a possible candidate for F-M reassignment. ☎ (908) 298-8797 Marty Kincaid or (212) 570-1260 Kit Rachlin.

CD/TS - **EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY**: Box 2783 Grand Central Station, New York NY 10163

For those with S/M and B/D fantasies. The oldest organization of its type. Frequent events specifically oriented toward the TV. Inquire for times. ☎ (212) 388-7022

▲ - **CHI DELTA MU CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS**: P O Box 477, Co-op Station, Bronx NY 10475.

Get-togethers the 2nd Saturday of each month in either northern New Jersey or southern Westchester County, NY. Interested in attracting wives/girl friends. Over 75 paid members. Existed over five years. ☎ (201) 663-0772

TV/TS/SO - **GIRL'S NIGHT OUT:** G.N.O., c/o Barbara Fortune, P O Box 350369, Brooklyn NY 11235-0007

An open social support group , meetings. ☎ (201) 794-1665, ext 202
↬ *Lipstick and Lace*

▲ - **LONG ISLAND FEMME EXPRESSION**:LIFE, P O Box 410, Stony Brook NY11790-0410

Founded 1985, support and social grouop for heterosexual CDs, families, friends, SOs. Three meetings monthly. Partners group. ↬ *Lifelines,* monthly newsletter. ☎ (516) 433-4866

TV/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDERISTS' INDEPENDENCE CLUB**: TGIC, P O Box 13604,Albany NY 12212-3604

Two monthly parties, weekly support group raps, monthly mates'/wives' support group, shopping guide, key club, and storage. We have a screening process to ensure comfort and safety of all. ☎ (518) 436-4513 (live Thurs. 7-9 p.m., or leave a message and instructions for calling back). ↬ Bi-monthly newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER NETWORK:** P O Box 177, Tillson NY 12486

Clergy and professionals are also welcome. Meetings 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month, social outings, beauty consultants, places to shop, mail order , speakers and referral.

TV/TS/SO - **EXPRESSING OUR NATURE (EON):** 523 W Onondaga St., Syracuse NY 13204-3226

Open support regardless of gender identification and sexual orientation. Context for TG people to experience their own happiness, personal growth, and sense of fulfillment: meetings, social occasions, and community-wide events. EON has its own facility and offices. Meetings are the first and third Saturday and fourth Wednesday each month. The Support Group for Significant Others meets regularly. ☎ (315)475-7013 office hours (315)475-5611 messages

▲ - **LAMBDA CHI LAMBDA OF TRI-ESS**: c/o Sharon Ann Stuart, P O Box 870, Oneonta NY 13820

Centered in Troy, Albany, Schenectady area. Monthly meetings, library, affiliated with TGIC in Albany. Screening before attending. ☎ (607) 547-4118 ↬ *Cornbury's Closet*

TV/TS/SO - **CROSS EXPRESSIONS:** Daniel Stephens,c/o Cross Expressions, P O Box 931, Vestal NY 13851

Peer support group for heterosexual male crossdressers, their families and significant others. Weekly meetings and regular social events. Membership information confidential, identification required. Mothly membership fee. ☎ (607) 862-3203

TV/TS/SO - **CROSSROADS OF BUFFALO:** c/o Vicki, P O Box 320, Buffalo NY 14220

TS group meets on the fourth Sunday of the month. CD group meets various Saturdays.

▲ - **NU PHI CHI:** D.Miller, 7954 Transit Road S197, Williamsville NY14221

Good manners, taste and common sense expected. Monthly meetings, occasional meeting notices. Meetings usually held on the second Saturday of the month in a secure environment. Changing rooms available. New members screened.

TV/TS/SO - **ROCHESTER CD-NETWORK:** P O Box 92055, Rochester NY 14692

Group mostly from upstate NY. Monthly meetings and social events in a secure, supportive and non-judgmental atmosphere. Cooperative activities with other crossdresser groups in NY state. ☎ (716) 251-2132 ↬ *CD News*

GENDER IDENTITY PROJECT, Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, 208 West 13th Street, New York, NY 10011

Support, counseling, advocacy and referral services for gender dysphoric individuals. Peer-to-peer counseling, facilitated support groups, professinal referrals, and alcohol and drug abuse counseling services for male and female transsexuals. The Project is part of the Center's Mental Health and Social Services Programs and all services are confidential and professionally supervised. ☎ (212) 620-7310

METAMORPHOSIS:
P O B 6260, Broadway Station, Long Island, NY 11106-0260

Professional psychotherapy, individual and group support, family counselling, evaluations, treatment for all gender related situations, particularly for transsexuals. Full transition support. Call or write for appointment and information, Mon.-Fri., 11am-5pm. ☎ (718) 728-4615

PENNSYLVANIA (150-196)

TV/TS - **TRANSPITT**: P O Box 3214, Pittsburgh PA 15230

Open membership policy. Meetings the second and fourth Saturday of each odd-numbered month. Referral required for new member. ☎ (412) 231-1181

TV/TS/SO - **ERIE SISTERS**: 2115 West 8th St, Ste 261,Erie PA 16505

Newsletter for full and associate members. Full members only at meetings. Meetings in even numbered months are in accepting public establishments. Odd numbered months are in secure space. Membership policy is open. Discretion and confidentiality are demanded. Apply in writing. Screening interview required ↬ *Mirror Images*

CD/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - LOWER SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CHAPTER**: Renaissance - LSV, P O Box 2122, Harrisburg PA 17105-2122

For the gender community at large. Meets the first Saturday evening of each month in York, PA. ☎ (717) 780-1578

TV/TS/SO - **CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL**: CDI, P O Box 61, Easton PA 18044. S. Kristine James, Director,KarenCioe,NYCCoordinator.

Sponsors meetings, parties, dinners, shows, and serves the needs of all.

TV/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER**: Renaissance PHL, P O Box 530, Bensalem PA 19020

For the gender community at large. Meets the third Saturday of each month in King of Prussia, PA. Meet at 8:00 pm. For information, write or call. For TV/TS with TS Support Group, TV Rap Groups, Significant Other Support Group, monthly programs, socials/community activities. Chapter Leader Maryann Kirkland ☎ (610) 630-1437

TS - **PHILADELPHIA TS SUPPORT GROUP**: P O Box 15839, Philadelphia PA 19103

To educate the community on TS issues and to give support in this sometimes confusing period. Monthly meeting, social events, professional referrals. No drugs or excess baggage. ☎ (215) 567-7879

TV/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**: PO Box 60552, King of Prussia PA 19406

Open group that accepts and helps individuals to grow at their own pace. Monthly meetings with educational programs, Significant Other Support Group, Transsexual Support Group, TV rap groups, a monthly newsletter, and community activities. Speakers' Bureau for college, university, radio, and television appearances anywhere in the US. Renaissance also publishes a series of Background Papers to help understand transgender behavior.
☎ (610) 630-1437 (24 hrs)

PERSAD CENTER, INC.
5100 Penn Ave.,
Pittsburgh PA 15224-1616
Randal G. Forrester,
James Huggins.

Mental health services for the gender conflicted and their significant others. Individual therapy, support group, evaluation and treatment for transsexualism including: gender identity team which provides initial and on-going evaluation, hormone therapy, and sexreassignment therapy. ☎ (412) 441-0857

DELAWARE (197-199)

TV/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - DELAWARE CHAPTER**: P O Box 5656, Wilmington DE 19808
For the gender community at large. Meets the second Saturday of each month at 8:00 pm. For information, write or call. For TV/TS/TG/SO with programs, support groups, education. Contact for information. Open group. ⇨ Newsletter ☎ (302) 995-1396

WASHINGTON, DC (200-205)

TV/TS - **WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE ALLIANCE**: c/o R. Lewis, P O Box 50724, Washington DC 20091-0724
Discussions, raps, special events, and referrals. Meets in Maryland on the third Saturday of each month from September through June, except December. ☎ (301) 277-5475

TV/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON** : TGEA, PO Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215
(formerly DCEA) Group for transgendered persons of all sexual preferences and genetic origins, and their significant others.Meetings the first Saturday of each month from September through June. Affiliated with couples' group and MAGA (TS support). Outreach to professional psychological groups, hotline services and crisis intervention centers, and to the larger Gay and Lesbian community. ☎ (301) 949-3822
The Pinnacle, Bi-monthly

MARYLAND (206-218)

TS - **THE BRIDGE CLUB**: c/o Michelle Gerald, P O Box 11737, Baltimore MD 21206-0337
Transition support, interview required. Confidential membership list. Meets monthly. Inquire. Newsletter.

COUNSELING FOR RELATIONSHIPS:
Rusty Lynn,BD,MSW,LCSW, 4835 Del Ray Avenue,
Bethesda MD 20814
Counseling for transgendered persons. ☎ (301) 652-6448

SEXOLOGY ASSOCIATES,INC.:
H. Martin Malin, PhD,
2114 N. Charles Street,Ste 3, Baltimore MD 21218
Counseling for transgendered persons. ☎ (410) 528-1638

VIRGINIA (220-246)

TS/SO - **METRO AREA GENDER ALLIANCE** : MAGA, P O Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215
Formerly affiliated with the DCEA, and was known as JANUS. General meetings the third Friday of every month, small group meetings the first Fri. of each month. ☎ (301) 949-3822

TV - **BLACK ROSE**: P O Box 11161, Arlington VA 22210
Group for dominant-submissive relationships. Singles and crossdressers welcome. Meets Tuesday nights in DC. There is usually a guest or a topic for the evening, followed by socializing afterwards. ☎ (301) 369-7667

TV - **VIRGINIA'S SECRET**:
P O Box 7386, Richmond VA 23221-0386
Monthly meetings and monthly newsletter. Sponsoring interview before joining.
☎ (804) 222-6796

COUNSELING FOR RELATIONSHIPS: Rusty Lynn, BD, MSW, LCSW,
225 E. Broad Sreet, Falls Church VA 22046
Counseling for transgendered persons. ☎ (703) 532-8723

CENTER FOR GENDER REASSIGNMENT: Deborah Gilbert, Coordinator, 142 W. York Street #915, Norfolk VA 23510-2015
Center for persons seeking permanent gender reassignment and SRS. Gender transition program meets Harry Benjamin Standards of Care. Applicants subject to a thorough screening by staff of medical and gender professionals. An 18-month period of successful cross-living and a minimum of six months' hormone therapy is required prior to consideration for surgery. ☎ (804) 622-9900

WEST VIRGINIA (246-268)

CD/SO - **TRANS-WV**: P O Box2322, Huntington WV 25724-2322
Non-sexual. Monthly meetings the third Saturday of the month. Well established group for friendship, fun, makeup tips and more. Screening interview required. Security respected.
Newsletter

NORTH CAROLINA (270-289)

TV/TS/SO - **TRIAD GENDER ASSOCIATION**: TGA, c/o L. Hahn, P O Box 26221, Winston-Salem NC 27114 c/o Stephanie Dula, P O Box 78082, Greensboro NC 27427
Group for CDs, androgynes, TSs and their significant others. Monthly meetings, referrals to professionals. Interview required.

TV/TS - **GDANC SUPPORT GROUP**: GDANC, P O Box 305, Salisbury NC 28145
To help TVs, TSs, and others through the hard times by being available when you need to talk . Meetings on the third Sat. of every month at a private apartment.
☎ (704) 642 1914

▲ - **KAPPA BETA, TRI-ESS**: P O Box 12101, Charlotte NC 28220-2101
Social support group serving the Carolinas and Southern Virginia.Meets odd numbered months in Charlotte. *The Pink Slip*

TV/TS/SO - **CAROLINA TRANSSENSUAL ALLIANCE**: Divinity (J. G.), P O Box 25100, Suite 188, Charlotte NC 28229-5100
Open to all regardless of sexual orientation. No gay men unless CD. While not specifically a support group, we make every effort to assist anyone to come out, to get help with wardrobe, makeup, etc. Not strictly a social club.No regular meetings to date, as we are still growing in size and shaping our direction. SOs welcome. Referrals to merchants, consultants, clubs. ☎ (704) 531-8838 (voice mail) *All the Beautiful People!*

▲ - **CHI CHI RHO, TRI-ESS:** Crystal Coast Rose, P O Box 733, Bridgeton NC 28519.
See Tri-Ess, Tulare CA.

TV/TS/SO - **PHOENIX TRANSGENDER SUPPORT:** Phoenix, P O Box 18332, Asheville, NC 28814
The Carolinas oldest all-inclusive support network. Small weekly gatherings and large meetings every other month. Open discussions, programs, referrals.
☎ (704) 259-9428 *Gender Quest*

LOUISE HAHN, MA, NCC:
940 Hutton Street, Winston-Salem NC 27101
Nationally certified counselor specializing in gender-related issues. Psychotherapy addressing concerns of CDs, TGs, TSs and their significant others. Also located in Durham. ☎ (910) 727-0008

SOUTH CAROLINA (290-299)

GEORGIA (300-319)

▲ - **SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS:** Sigma Epsilon, P O Box 272, Roswell GA 30077
Monthly meetings. *The Southern Belle* ☎ Helpline: (404) 552-4415

TV/TS/SO - **ATLANTA GENDER EXPLORATION**: AGE, P O Box 77562, Atlanta GA 30357
Modeled after Phoenix Transgender Support Group in Asheville, NC. Non-sexual and member-operated. Membership open to anyone with a gender concern, families, friends. Meet twice a month. Screening before attending first meeting. One-time $25 screening fee, and $5 per meeting. ☎ Helpline: (404) 875-9846. *Atlanta Gender Chronicle*

MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC.:
Montgomery Institute, P O Box 33311, Decatur GA 30033
Contact: Jerry or Lynn Montgomery.
TS support group and professional services. Information distribution center for the southeast region. Monthly meetings, free professional referrals, speakers, training seminars, hot line, and an annual TS convention. Screening required of clients. Local professionals working with our members are also screened. ☎ (404) 603 9426
℅ *MM & PI Monthly* newsletter, *Insight* a quarterly magazine for and about TSs.

AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL GENDER INFORMATION SERVICE, Inc.:
AEGIS, P O Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033-0724
Ms. Dallas Denny, MA, Licensed Psychological Examiner (TN).
Professionally managed support group and national nonprofit clearinghouse for information about gender dysphoria. Referrals to professionals and support groups, and to individuals, following the Standards of Care; case management; consulting; speakers' service. Helpline:(404) 939-0244. ℅ *Chrysalis Quarterly*, transition booklets, bibliography, J2CP, Janus, and Erickson Foundation materials.
☎ (404) 939-2128 (404) 9390244 helpline FAX (404)939-1770

FLORIDA (320-340)

TV/TS/SO - **GENDER INFORM NETWORK OF GAINESVILLE**: GING, Gail Driaper
Referral service for those persons whose spiritual worth is more than their sexual orientation who need professional help in the Gainesville, FL area. Quarterly meetings. Donation. Now a member of the United Way Referral Service of Gainesville. Interviewed as to their needs. ☎ (904) 332-8178

TS - **FLORIDA CHAPTER MONTGOMERY INSTITUTE, Inc.**: P O Box 141133, Gainesville FL 32607
Referrals to medical doctors for SRS, psychologist, electrologist, etc. Monthly meetings. Distribution of legal/medical/social information for TSs. Post-op F-M TS offers consultation. Meet each month on the second and fourth Friday. $5 per meeting. Must be screened by directors. Members are in counseling. ☎ (904) 332-6638 ℅ *INSIGHT*

▲ - **PHI EPSILON MU/CENTRAL FLORIDA SISTERS**: P O Box 3261, Winter Park FL 32790-3261
Meetings 1st Saturday of each month. Monthly newsletter to members and other groups. Interview required.

TV/TS - **FANTASIA:** c/o GLCS, P.O. Box 533446, Orlando FL 32853- 3446 Arlena Parrish or Angela Wood
Group meets twice a month to discuss common problems, share experiences, and network information. Objectives include promoting TV/TS Community through education & understanding. Interview. ☎ (407) 425-4527

TV/TS/SO - **SERENITY**: P O Box 307, Hollywood FL 33022
Meetings the third Friday each month at the Metropolitan Community Church, 330 SW 27th Street, Fort Lauderdale. ☎ (305) 436-9477 ℅ Newsletter

TS - **THE EDEN SOCIETY**:
P O Box 1692, Pompano Beach FL 33061-1692
Group meets for one business and one social meeting a month. Interview.
☎ (305) 784-9316 ℅ Newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **ANIMAS**: P O Box 420309, Miami FL 33242
Group meets the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 pm in a safe, anonymous atmosphere to exchange problems, triumphs, fashion ideas, and beauty tips. Consultants in fashion / image available. ℅ A periodic newsletter

TV/TS - **VENICE TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP**: Chrissie P. Humphreys, 944 Rialto, Venice FL 34285
Meetings the second Friday each month. Must be ladylike, no drinking. Referrals.

TV/TS - **STARBURST**: P O Box 2826, Pinellas Park FL 34664
Open support group for the transgendered community. Meetings in St. Petersburg. Interview required. Meetings the third Saturday of each month from 7:00-11:00pm. Outside events in addition to meetings occur from time to time. Interview by member of Board required. ℅ *Butterflies* ☎ (813) 527-1012

C.O.P.E. CENTER, INC.: COPE, P O Box 607, DeFuniak Springs FL 32433
Clyde E. Trautloff, MA, CAP, CAS Program Manager.
Private, not-for-profit mental health center. Individual, group, and family therapy for those with issues around sexuality. Rap groups and individual problem solving.

COUNSELING AND CONSULTING SERVICES OF PINELLAS COUNTY, INC.: Judith A. Meisner, PhD, LCSW, LMFT,
3530 First Avenue North, Suite 209, St. Petersburg FL 33713
Board certified sex therapist & clinical supervisor; board certified clinical sexologist; licensed clinical social worker & licensed marriage and family therapist; life clinical fellow, American Academy of Clinical Sexologists. Private, confidential service providing counseling or consulting for transgendered persons and/or their partners. By appointment only. ☎ (813) 327-1672

ADELE KATES & ASSOCIATES, P.A.
1 N.E. 168th Street, North Miami Beach FL 33162
Certified & Licensed Speech Pathologist, Adele Kates, Director.
Transsexual voice change and gender identity. Includes: body language, make-up, fashion, hair styling, female communication patterns. By appointment.
☎ (305) 651-6442

CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY COUNSELING:
2999 N.E, 191 St., Suite 607 Aventura FL 33180
Coral L. Schlosberg, PhD, LCSW, LMFT
Board Certified Sex Therapist, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Clinical psycho-therapist who has been working for fourteen years with gender identity issues. The Center is now starting a group forTV/TS. Individual and group therapy. ☎ (305) 936-8000

TAMPA STRESS CENTER: 4023 N. Armenia Ave., Ste 220, Tampa FL 33607 Carl W. Bushong, PhD
A private service providing counseling for crossdressers, the gender conflicted and their significant others where dressing poses a concern. Counseling, evaluation and support for TSs and their significant others. Referral and guidance of appropriate individuals for hormonal management and transition. All services by appointment.
☎ (813) 872-8631

ALABAMA (350-369)

▲ - **SIGMA RHO GAMMA-SOUTH, TRI-ESS:** P O Box 66286, Mobile AL 36660. Contact: Lisa Jackson.
Monthly meetings relating directly to the crossdresser and their family. Membership includes subscription to the monthly newsletter. There is a mandatory orientation program. ℅ *The Continuum*

▲ - **SIGMA RHO GAMMA:** SERGA,P O Box 16174, Huntsville AL 35802
Monthly meetings relating directly to the crossdresser and their family. Membership includes subscription to the monthly newsletter. Mandatory orientation.

MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC.
Montgomery Institute, P O Box 3361, Montgomery, AL 35109
Contact: Jerry or Lynn Montgomery.
TS support group and professional services. Information distribution center for the southeast region. Monthly meetings, free professional referrals, speakers, training seminars, hot line, and an annual TS convention. Screening required of clients. Local professionals working with our members are also screened. ☎ (205) 272 -2726

TENNESSEE (370-384)

TV/TS/SO - **TENNESSEE VALS**: P O Box 92335, Nashville TN 37209
Meetings on the second Saturday of the month at a private location in the Nashville area. Write or call to be interviewed. ☎ (615) 664-6883 (voice mail) ℅ Monthly newsletter

▲ - **MU SIGMA, TRI-ESS:** P O Box 61, Jonesboro AR 72403-0061
Support group serving the Memphis metropolitan area. Inquire. ℅ *Ms. Cotton Belle*

TV/TS - **TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP:** c/o Rev. John Prowett, 1517 Court Street, Suite #4, Memphis TN 38104-2402

Group meets on fourth Saturdays at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 1486 Madison. Doors open at 6:00pm, and there is a room to change in. Contact Rev. Prowett for information.

TV/TS/TG - **MEMPHIS TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE**: P O Box 11232, Memphis TN 38111-0232

Social support group providing education for general community. Meet on fourth of every month at 2:00 pm. Annual dues $12 and $5 meeting fee. Changing facilities at meetings. ☎ (901) 353-2612 *Powder and Pearls*

GEORGE R. BROWN, MD: Department of Psychiatry, Mountain Home VAMC, Johnson City TN 37684

Psychiatric/medical practice devoted to gender and sexuality concerns. SRS evaluation, hormone treatment. Uses Harry Benjamin Standards. ☎ (615) 926-1177 ext. 7709

MISSISSIPPI (386-396)

▲ - **BETA CHI CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS IN MISSISSIPPI**: P O Box 31253, Jackson MS 39206-1253 Lee Frances, Secretary ☎ (601) 982-7678 (24 hrs). *Premiere*

KENTUCKY (403-427)

TV/TS/SO - **LOUISVILLE GENDER SOCIETY**: LGS, P O Box 5458, Louisville KY 40255-0458

Educational social and support group regardless of sexual preference or orientation. Meet on the second Saturday of each month Invitations to meetings after screening ☎ (812) 944-5570, Barbara (502) 458-8028, Patti (502) 966-8701, Lori

OHIO (434-457)

TV/TS/SO - **CRYSTAL CLUB:** P O Box 287, Reynoldsburg OH 43068-0287

An open support group providing a non-threatening environment. Meetings the 4th Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Peer support.We cooperate with neighboring organizations such as Alpha Omega, Paradise, and Cross-Port. Include a brief biography of yourself, and tell where you heard about us. *The Crystal Chronicle*

▲ - **ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER, TRI-ESS**: Box 2053, Sheffield Lake OH 44054-0053

Meetings second Saturday of the month. Membership and attendance at a meeting requires the approval of a qualified officer. *Alpha Omega Outreach*

CD -**PARADISE CLUB**: Paradise, P O Box 29564, Parma OH 44129

Emphasis on friendship and support, especially for wives. Approximately 90 members, with an average of 50+ at each meeting. Meeting the third Saturday of the month. Paradise welcomes all mature and responsible people. CDs must dress at meetings. *Paradise Tales*

TV/TS/SO - **CROSS-PORT**: Box 54657, Cincinnati OH 45254-0657

A support organization regardless of sexual preference, practices, or orientation. Meets the third Thursday of the month. All guests and members are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen. Common sense is rule. ☎ (513) 474-9557, Shelbi. monthly newsletter

NORTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
1301 North High Street, Columbus OH 43201

Mental health hotline and service provider. Can provide individual counseling and mental health services as well as referrals about gender issues. ☎ (614) 299-6600

INDIANA (463-479)

TV/TS - **INDIANA CROSS-DRESSERS SOCIETY:** IXE, Box 20710, Indianapolis IN 46220

Manners and common sense are expected of all at meetings. IXE is a supportive non-judgmental group for all persons honestly dealing with gender conflict. Meetings the second Tuesday and the last Saturday of the month. IXE has a BBS. ☎ (317) 781-0834 (Indianapolis) Danielle, (812) 876-5635 (Bloominton) Gloria , (812) 398-6235 (Shelbyville) Holly monthly newsletter

MICHIGAN (480-499)

CROSSROADS: P O Box 1245, Royal Oak MI 48068-1245

Crossroads emphasizes friendship, support, and peace of mind of all. Formal membership of approximately 90 and an informal membership of approximately 250. Formal and casual social activities. Referrals to other organizations nation-wide, and to helping professionals in the Great Lakes area. Also investigate agencies, businesses, and organizations, and do considerable outreach work. Welcomes mature and responsible people, and emphasizes good manners, common sense, and the security of all. ☎ messages: (313) 537-3267 *Crossroads Chatter*

TV/TS - **NATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT GROUP**: N.G.D.O, P O Box 02732, Detroit MI 48202 Justina Williams, President

Support/educational organization for the gender dysphoric (transsexual) community, and crossdressers. We offer referrals to compassionate helping professionals and support groups which are *separated* as to sexual orientation. We also offer a discrimination committee. Meetings are held at a safe location. ☎ (313) 842-5258 *NGDO Key to Freedom*

▲ - **THETA OMEGA GAMMA - TRI-ESS (Detroit area):**c/o Tri-Ess, P O Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275 (temporary)

Social support for heterosexual crossdressers and significant others. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA

CD/TS/SO - **I.M.E. OF WESTERN MICHIGAN**: P O Box 1153, Grand Rapids MI 49501

Social, support, and educational group. Mail forwarding. We have the services of a MSW social worker free of charge to members. Lectures and referrals. Monthly meetings and socials. Membership confidential.

CD/TS/SO - **NORTHWEST MICHIGAN GENDER SOCIETY**: c/o Tricia Marie Benton, P O Box 271, Petoskey MI 49770

Monthly meeting, newsletter, Partner's Support Group. Interview before attending first meeting. Newsletter

HOMESTEAD COUNSELING CENTER: Sandra L Samons,ACSW, CAC, 1480 Shevchenko, Ann Arbor MI 48103

Individual and family therapist knowledgeable about gender issues. Day or evening times available. Leave message and your call will be returned. ☎ (313) 663-7871

LEE PADULA, PhD: 37677 Professional Center Dr., Suite 110, Livonia MI 48154

Licensed psychologist, marital and family therapist, certified sex therapist. More than ten years of experience working with CD/TG/TS/SOs and families in the gender community. Psychological evaluations for hormones and for SRS. Transition support in employment. Day and evening appointments. ☎ (313) 953-3333

IOWA (500-528)

▲ - **IOWA ARTISTRY**: Box 75, Cedar Rapids IA 52406

Support group for gender issues. MAGGIE affiliate. This is also the Iota Alpha chapter of Tri-Ess. Rap sessions, annual picnic, annual banquet, resource library, changing facilities, professional guests, and informational programs. Bi-monthly newsletter

TV/TS - **QUAD-CITY SOCIETY FOR SEXUALITY EDUCATION:** 1236 W. 8th, Davenport IA 52802

Social support group for all genderists. Meets first Sunday of the month at 6pm. ☎ (319) 324-6941 from 6pm - 9pm.

TV/TS/SO - **RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE**: RCGA, P O Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680.

MAGGIE affiliate. Educational, support, and social group. Monthly meetings, a bi-monthly newsletter, referrals for professional counseling, personal listings, social opportunities, changing facilities, and library. *The Transformer*

CENTRAL IOWA GENDER INSTITUTE: P O Box 12164, Des Moines IA 50312 Susan McIntyre, MSW, ACSW
Counseling and support services for CD/TS and androgynous persons. Individual and group activities. Referrals. ☎ (515) 277-7754

PMC TRANSGENDER COUNSELING AND CONSULTATION: Richard V. Campagna, MA, JD, P O Box 5265, Coralville IA 52241
Legal, psychological and financial counseling for CD/TV/TS and androgynous persons. Referrals. Sliding scale. Travel frequently to Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, USVI. ☎ (319) 354-3189 FAX (319) 337-2045

WISCONSIN (530-548)

MILWAUKEE TRANSGENDER PROGRAM: Pathways Counseling Center, 2645 N. Mayfair Road, Ste 230, First Financial Building Milwaukee WI 53226-1304
A therapy program for M-F and F-M transgendered people. A complete program of emotional support, evaluation, psychotherapy, hormone therapy and reassignment surgeries. Follows the Harry Benjamin Standards. Contact Gretchen Fincke, or Roger Northway. ☎ (414) 774-4111

INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOSEXUAL HEALTH: Great Lakes Gender Clinic, 3250 North Oakland Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53211 Charles A.Kiley, ACSW, CICSW
Gender clinic for persons in transition, counseling for compulsive sexual behavior. Thorough evaluation, emotional support, hormonal and surgical reassignment services. ☎ (414) 332 5407

TRANSGENDER IDENTITY GROUP: c/o Ivanoff and Ivanoff, Ste 1810 Clark Building, 633 West Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee WI 53203-1918
Therapy program for M-FTG/TV/CD provided by licensed psychologist meets the second Sunday afternoon each month. Individual and group support services for family and friends. Individual therapy for F-Ms. Comprehensive screening, appropriate referrals. Use HBIGDA Standards of Care. ☎ (414) 271-3322

MINNESOTA (550-567)

TV/TS/SO - **MINNESOTANS FOR GENDER EQUALITY**: MFGE, Box 17945, St. Paul MN 55117
An open service and peer support group for transgender persons, their significant others, and interested persons. Services' listings for members. Interview required. ⟲ Newsletter

TS - **NEW MEN AND WOMEN OF MINNESOTA:** P O Box 6432 Minneapolis MN 55406-0432
Meetings, referrals. ☎ (612) 220-1920 ⟲ Newsletter

▲ **BETA GAMMA, TRI-ESS**: Box 8591, Minneapolis MN 55408
See Society for Second Self,Tulare CA.

CITY OF LAKES CROSSGENDER COMMUNITY: CLCC, P O Box 16265, Minneapolis MN 55414
Monthly meetings. The group provides a comfortable social setting for crossdressers to meet like-minded folks. Orientation is not considered. Interview before coming to the first party. ☎ (612) 229-3613

DISTRICT 202: 2524 Nicollet Ave., So. Minneapolis MN 55408
Safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth to be with peers.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM: c/o Program in Human Sexuality, 1300 South 2nd Street, Ste 180 Minneapolis, MN 55454
A professionally managed gender program based on the HBIGDA's *Standards of Care*. Administered by the Department of Family Practice and Community Health, University of Minnesota Medical School. Comprehensive evaluation, gender dysphoria is clarified through psychotherapy. Services include an ongoing psychotherapy group for sex reassigned transsexuals, psychological services for families and friends, evaluation and treatment of gender dysphoric children and adolescents, complete physical health care. ☎ (612) 625 1500, FAX (612) 626-8311

TRANSGENDER HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAM: Program in Human Sexuality, Dept. of Family Practice and Community Health, U. of Minnesota Medical School, 1300 So. 2nd Street, Suite 180, Minneapolis MN 55454
In collaboration with the City of Lakes Crossgender Community, the Minnesota Freedom of Gender Expression, the Minnesota AIDS Project, and the Aliveness Project, the Program in Human Sexuality offers an HIV/AIDS education-prevention program for crossdressing, transgender and transsexual persons and their partners. In addition, the Program provides psychological health care and support for transgender persons with HIV/AIDS.
☎ (612) 625-1500, FAX (612) 626-8311

NORTH DAKOTA (570-577)

SOUTH DAKOTA (580-599)

MONTANA (590-599)

ILLINOIS (600-629)

▲- **CHI CHAPTER - TRI-ESS**: P O Boxox 40,Wood Dale IL 60191-0040
Social activities, a support group for wives and girlfriends, a help line, library, speakers' bureau, and co-sponsor of Be All You Want To Be weekend. Meetings the 3rd Saturday of each month, annual family picnic, Awards Banquet, Christmas Party.
☎ (708) 364-9514 ⟲ Newsletter

TS - **THE SUNDAY SOCIETY**: The Sunday Society, P O Box 478850, Chicago IL 60647 Sampognaro and Louise L. Raeder
Outreach and support organization. Meetings the 3rd Sunday of each month. Operate a BBS. Telephone interview or previous contact required to attend meetings.
☎ (312) 486-3125, (312) 252-7024, Sheila L.

TV/TS/SO - **CHICAGO GENDER SOCIETY**: CGS, P O Box 578005, Chicago IL 60657
Social and educational support group. Meets on the second Tuesday and socials on fourth Tuesday and fourth Saturday each month. Professional referrals, business and social events several times a month, annual Miss CGS Pageant, picnics, mail forwarding, .
☎ (312) 434-5445 ⟲ Monthly newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **CENTRAL ILLINOIS GENDER ASSOCIATION** : CIGA, P O Box 182, Washington IL 61571
Information on specific areas of gender dysphoria is available to members through our library system. Speakers provided to the general public on some subjects. meetings are on the 2nd Sunday. Interview required. ☎ (309) 444-9918, JoAnn ⟲ Monthly newsletter

RONALD B. BARON, MD: 2120 Sheridan Road, Highland Park IL 60035
Private practice of psychiatry. Medical psychotherapy; sex therapy; psychiatric consultations. ☎ (708) 432-7007

RANDI ETTNER, PhD: 1214 Lake Street, Evanston IL 60201
Clinical psychologist specializing in gender dysphoria, and professionally associated with Eugene Schrang, MD in Wisconsin. Preoperative evaluation, pre- and postoperative counseling for transition and beyond. ☎ (708) 328-3433

MISSOURI (630-658)

TV/TS/SO - **ST LOUIS GENDER FOUNDATION**: St L G F, P O Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117
MAGGIE affiliate, A social support group for all. Meets monthly on the third Saturday in a private, social atmosphere at a leading hotel to provide support, shared professional knowledge, confidence building, and fun. Changing facilities, makeup workshops, clothing exchange, guest speakers, library, professional referral, occasional events. Club business cards, and a membership directory. An SOs group meets for professionals and significant others. ☎ Voice mailbox: (314) 997-9897. Please leave contact information.
⟲ *Gateway Femmes Gazette*

TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON: Non-prisoners contact DEE FARMER, 23288037, P O Box 4000, Springfield MO 65808. Prisoners contact Mrs. PATRICIA FISHER, Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd, Montreal, QC, CANADA H3S 2S6

Education, advocacy, and legal support. Quarterly newsletter

TV/TS -**MID-AMERICA GENDER GROUP INFORMATION EXCHANGE** (MAGGIE): c/o Jennifer Richards, St. Louis Gender Foundation, P O Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117

Coalition of five mid-American gender associations: St. Louis Gender Foundation, Kansas City Crossdressers and Friends, Iowa Artistry, Wichita Transgender Alliance, and Omaha River City Gender Alliance.

TS - **GENDER DYSPHORIA SUPPORT:** Box 45124, Kansas City MO 64111

Support group for people in transition, or who have changed gender and their significant others. Provides services to F-Ms and M-Fs equally. Open to all sexual orientations. Meetings every other Friday evening. Contact Davina Anne Gabriel. ☎ (816) 753-7816

KANSAS (660-679)

TV/TS/SO -**CROSSDRESSERS AND FRIENDS**: CAF, Box 4092, Overland Park KS 66204

MAGGIE affiliate. Fall Harvest Weekend, regional conference with MAGGIE every fall. Social and educational support group. Meetings on the first Thursday each month. Business meeting /social night the third Saturday of each month. Partner support, Big Sister program. Newsletter ☎ (913) 791-3947

TV/TS - **WICHITA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE:** P O Box 315, Kechi KS 67067

MAGGIE affiliate. Peer support group open to anyone regardless of sex, sexual preference, race, or religion. Bi-weekly meetings at a local church; small donation requested, but not required. WTA provides mutual support, social get-togethers, referrals to sympathetic professionals. Changing facilities, brochures. A chat with an officer of the Alliance required to ensure that you'd benefit . Newsletter

CD RESEARCH CENTER: Rebecca Gail Croslove, 418 Linn Street, Leavenworth KS 66048-3437

NEBRASKA (680-693)

TV/TS/SO - **RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE**: RCGA, P O Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680

MAGGIE affiliate. Educational, support, and social group. Monthly meetings, a bi-monthly newsletter, referrals for professional counseling, personal listings, social opportunities, changing facilities, and library. Screening required . *The Transformer*

LOUISIANA (700-714)

TV/TS/SO - **GULF AREA GENDER ALLIANCE:** Box 870213, New Orleans LA 70187-1300

Open support group. No longer a Tri-Ess chapter. Spouses and SOs invited to participate. Meetings the second Saturday of each month in New Orleans. *The Flip Side*

ARKANSAS (716-729)

▲ - **WIVES'/PARTNERS' CONCERNS**: Linda Peacock, P O Box 24031, Little Rock AR 72221

Membership fee for wives/partners is $10 per year. This includes membership in Tri-Ess and subscription to quarterly *Sweetheart Connection*. An additional $25 is required if you also want to get the *Femme Mirror*. *Sweetheart Connection*

▲ - **MU SIGMA, TRI-ESS:** P O Box 61, Jonesboro AR 72403.

See Society for Second Self, Tulare CA

OKLAHOMA (730-749)

▲ - **SIGMA BETA**: P O Box 42122, Oklahoma City OK 73123

Social/support group for heterosexual crossdressers, their significant others, and families.

TV/TS - **CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL**: C.D.I., c/o Ms Gwen Pete, P O Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104

Social organization and support group. No one excluded for sex or sexual preference. Get-togethers every other Saturday and someone is generally available for telephone contact 7 days a week. We listen, talk, and offer support for all phases of transgenderism.

☎ (918) 582-6643/835-5334

TV/TS - **DESIRE**: c/o Ms.Gwen Pete, P O Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104

For all sisters and spouses. Will answer all questions on femme males and personal problems. Suicide is not the answer. I know. Fee: be a friend to the needy.

TEXAS (750-799)

FTM - **RECAST EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATIONAL NETWORK:** ReCast, P O Box 224001, Dallas TX 75222-4001

National FTM support organization. Interacts with psychiatrists, psychologists, therapists and other professionals. Gives seminars on gender issues. Offers F2M educational material. Local bi-monthly meetings, international FTM network. *En*Gender*

▲ - **DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER**: P O Box 1021, Arlington TX 76004-1021.

Serving the transgender community of the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Meetings every second Saturday of the month in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. **Help Me, Accept Me** discussion group meets on third Monday of each month at 7:30pm. ☎ (817) 429-1929

The Texas Rose

TV/TS - **HEART OF TEXAS GENDER ALLIANCE**: See **WEST TEXAS GENDER ALLIANCE**, Abilene, Texas.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSGENDER LAW AND EMPLOYMENT POLICY: 5707 Firenza St, Houston TX 77035-5515

Annual conference in Houston, Texas each August. Useful to legal professionals, and of interest to laypersons. Continuing legal education credit hours available. Published Proceedings available. Write for more information.

TS - **TS-PEER SUPPORT MEETINGS:** Alice Webb, MSW, Atrium Crest Blg., 18333 Egret Bay Blvd., Ste560, Houston TX 77058

Peer support meetings in the Clear Lake area $5 charge for refreshments. Please call before coming. ☎ (713) 333-2278

TV/TS/SO - **GULF COAST TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY**: GCTC, P O Box 66643, Houston TX 77266

Social organization. Meetings second Saturday each month. Group discussion, noon on first Tuesday and evening on third Thursday. Co-sponsors International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy. Interview for new members.

☎ (713) 780-GCTC, (713) 780-4282 voice *Gulf Coast Transgender Community*

TS/SO - **TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF TRANSSEXUALS**: TATS, P O Box 142, Bellaire TX 77401 Taylor Montgomery

Guys' Social, Gals' Social, Combo Social. Must contact before attending. Newsletter ☎ (713) 827-5913 voice mail

▲ - **TAU CHI CHAPTER -TRI ESS**: Box 1105, Alief TX 77411-1105

Meetings the third Saturday of the month in the Houston area. **Wives and Partners Auxiliary** meets the second Friday of the month. **Boys R Us** meets monthly (meet male self) **Heterosexual Cross-dressers Anonymous (HCDA)** meets every Wednesday evening. Screening required for new members. ☎ (713) 988-8064 voice. *Femme Forum*

SO - **WOMEN ASSOCIATED WITH TRANSGENDERED SUPPORT**: WATS, P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163

A support group for women involved with transgendered men. Names are confidential.

☎ (210) 980-7788, before 9:00pm CT, please. *Partners*

TV/TS/SO - **BOULTON AND PARK SOCIETY**: P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163

Peer support for people with any gender transposed nature. Meetings the first Saturday of each month, local referrals, outreach, reference library, sponsors annual Texas T Party, spouse/partner support through Women Associated with Transgendered Support (WATS), couples support, TS issues group. Screened prior to meeting attendance.

☎ (210) 980-7788 (live Wed., 7:00pm-9:30pm CT) *Gender Euphoria*

T S - **SAN ANTONIO TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP:** SATSG, P O Box 12913, San Antonio TX 78212
.Affiliated professionals available for help and support. Meetings the third Saturday of each month. Interview required. Monthly newsletter

SOUTH-CENTRAL TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE REGION (STAR) CONNECTION: c/o Boulton & Park Society, P O Box 700042, SanAntonio TX 78270-0042
Coalition of support groups in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Coordination of regional support group activities. Speakers' bureau, quarterly member support group information published, membership exchange program for participating groups, etc. Group representatives meet 3-4 times a year to work on regional issues.
Member Groups: Texas - Alpha Chi Chapter, Boulton & Park Society, Delta Omega Chapter, Gulf Coast Transgender Community, Heart of Texas Chapter, Heart of Texas Gender Alliance (NW), Tau Chi Chapter, Tri-Plex Gender Association, Women Associated with Crossdressers Support; Louisiana - Tri Delta Chi Chapter; Oklahoma - Sigma Beta; New Mexico - Fiesta Chapter .

TV/TS/SO - **AUSTIN SECOND IMAGE:** P O Box 14965, Austin TX 78761
All enjoy full membership with equal voting rights. *Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Walk beside me and just be my friend.*- Camus. Monthly meeting in the Austin area. Personal interview. ☎ (512) 515-5460
Wed. 7-9pm

▲ - **ALPHA CHI CHAPTER of TRI-ESS:** P O Box 50266, Amarillo TX 79159
Monthly meetings on the first Saturday of each month in Amarillo, TX area.
☎ (806) 359-7714, most evenings except Wednesdays and Sundays.

TV/TS - **WEST TEXAS GENDER ALLIANCE**: c/o Tami Maloney, P O Box 6726, Abilene TX 79608
Transgender support group. Meetings the second Saturday of each month in Abilene, Texas. Personal interview.

OAKLAWN PHYSICIANS GROUP: 3514 Cedar Springs Road, Dallas TX 75219, Dr. George Carpenter, Director for Transgender Medical Therapy. Comprehensive medical practice, HIV specialized physicians, psychiatrist, psychotherapists, registered massage therapy, hypnotherapist. Care for crossdressing, transgendered, and transsexual persons and their partners. Complete treatment plans. Surgical referrals as indicated. Member HBIGDA. ☎ (214) 520-1810

ROSENBERG CLINIC, Gender Treatment Program:
1103 Rosenberg, Galveston TX 77550
Formerly the Gender Clinic, University of Texas Medical Branch. Since the mid-70s professional services rendered to the transgender community throughout the Southern U.S. Subscribe to the *Standards of Care*. Support group meetings held so new and old clients can meet and share experiences. Treatment services are available to those not specifically seeking surgical intervention. ☎ (409) 763-0016

COLORADO (800-816)

▲ - **DELTA CHAPTER TRI-ESS (Denver)**: P O Box 16208, Denver CO 80216
A support/social groupwith monthly meetings and activities, addressed to the issues of the crossdresser and family. Established wives' network, directory of commercial services and correspondence. Screening interview before attending . *Femme Mirror*

TV/TS - **GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO, INC.**: GIC, 3715 West 32nd Avenue, Denver CO 80211
Educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community. GIC provides information and education on the issues of crossdressing and gender conflict through a library of books and journal articles, rap sessions, workshops and seminars, and guest speakers from various areas of the community. GIC also provides a Speakers' Bureau and a 24-hour hotline. Long distance calls will be returned collect if you so indicate when you leave a message. ☎ (303) 458-5378

TV/TS - **SOUTHERN COLORADO CHAPTER OF GIC**: Contact GIC.
An educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. Call for directions to the meeting. ☎ (303) 458 5378

TV/TS - **NORTHERN COLORADO/WYOMING CHAPTER OF GIC**:
Contact - Gender Identity Center, An educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community. Meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm. Call the Center for directions to the meeting place. ☎ (303) 458 5378

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: Tomye Kelley, MA, 8972 Oberon Rd, Arvada CO 80004
Practice limited to work with CDs, the gender conflicted, and their significant others. Private one-on-one psychotherapy, weekly support groups, process groups for those in or preparing for transition. Professional Speakers' Forum. ☎ (303) 420-9885

NATIONAL HARRY BENJAMIN DGENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: Tomye Kelley, MA, 8972 Oberon Rd, Arvada CO 80004
Practice limited to work with CDs, the gender conflicted, and their significant others. Private one-on-one psychotherapy, weekly support groups, process groups for those in or preparing for transition. Professional Speakers' Forum. ☎ (303) 420-9885

NATIONAL HARRY BENJAMIN GENDER GENDER DYSPHORIC ASSOCIATION (NHBGDA): Sharon F. Duagherty, II, MA, PhDc. JDc; 3506 South Ouray Circle, Aurora CO 80013.
(Not to be confused with the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association in California.) Serves through referrals to providers in specific demographic areas. Free to gender dysphoric individuals, available to practitioners wishing to register their credentials at an annual recommended donation of $75.
☎ (303) 754-7579.

WYOMING (820-831)

TG/TS - **CENTRAL WYOMING TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP**: 4820 South Ash, Casper WY 82601
Open TG/TS support group. Weekly meetings on Friday. ☎ (307) 473-2429

TV/TS - **WYOMING GENDER IDENTITY CENTER, N.COLORADO CHAPTER, GENDER IDENTITY CENTER**:
Contact via the Gender Identity Center, Colorado .Call for information and directions . ☎ (303) 458-5378

IDAHO (832-838)
UTAH (840-847)

▲ - **ALPHA RHO, SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER, TRI-ESS**: Alpha Provesta, P O Box 26711, Salt Lake City UT 84126.
See 'Society forSecond Self,'Tulare, CA.

TENDERLY SUPPORTIVE GENDER SUPPOPRT NETWORK: TSGSN, P O Box 571044, Salt Lake City UT 84157.
Meetings every other Saturday. Entrance by application. ☎(801)297-5065

ARIZONA (850-864)

TV/TS - **A ROSE**: P O Box 82813, Phoenix AZ 85071-2813
All are welcome: M-F, F-M.. Offering support, problem solving and friendship regardless of your orientation or practices. *A Rose News*

▲ - **ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER** :P OBox 1738, Tempe AZ 85281-1254
A support group offering social activities, monthly meetings. Before attending, an interview with a chapter officer is required. *The Cactus Flower*

TV/TS/Gay CD - **SORORITY:**
Support group for the members, families and friends. No structured fees or mandatory dress laws. Inquire. ☎(602) 293-3456

GENDER CRISIS HELP LINE-WORLD WIDE: 3332 N. Romero Road, #13, Tucson AZ 85705. Karen Davies
Information and referral service for TS, TV, lesbian and gay communities. Free counseling and therapy. All calls confidential. Leave message. ☎ (602) 293-3456 night or day

THE RAINBOW PEOPLE: P O Box 36142, Tucson AZ 85740-6142.
An open group for TS/TV, drag queens, feminine males, masculine females and all transgendered and intersexed people.

COUNSELING ASSOCIATES. Ginnie Monroe Grant, CISW,
5440 S. Clambake, Tempe AZ 85283
Individual, family and small group counseling and education for all gender issues. Insurance accepted as full fee, sliding scale, available evenings, days, weekends.
☎ (602) 897-0444

SHEILAFRIEDEMAN,PHD:
3930 East Camelback Rd, # 205,Phoenix AZ 85018
Clinical psychologist experienced in individual, couples and family TV/TS and gender identity counseling. Referrals. Uses Harry Benjamin Standards of Care.
☎ (602) 956-3006

NEW MEXICO (870-884)

▲ - **FIESTA! Chapter of Tri Ess**: 8200 Montgomery NE, #241, Albuquerque NM 87109.
Social support group, the Phi Chapter of Tri-Ess. Monthly meetings in the Albuquerque area. Screening required for new members. *Fiesta!*

NEVADA (890-898)

TV/TS/SO -**JENNIFER & FRIENDS**: P O Box 1284, Sparks NV 89432
Social support group meets once a month. Only members may come to meetings.

TRANSITIONS SUPPORT GROUP: Coordinator/facilitator Marty B.
Open support group for gender community, SOs, professionals. Meetings second and fourth Saturdays each month, 6:00pm, Community Counseling Center, 1006 E. Sahara, Las Vegas NV. Quarterly socials. Screening required. ☎ (702) 594-7884

CARING COUNSELING:
Nancy Lee, PhD, 2061 Market Street, Reno NV 89502
Individual, couple, group and family counseling. Gender identity and sexuality issues, validation of individuality. One- or two-hour sessions. ☎ (702) 322-7771

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA(900-960)

TG/TS/SO - **MINORITY AIDS PROJECT**: 5149 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90016
Discussion and rap groups conducted by the Project's TS/TG program for TG/TS persons and their SO's. HIV/AIDS information, hormone treatment, support groups and more. ☎(213) 936-9338

TS - **AMERICAN TRANSSEXUAL EDUCATION CENTER:** A.T.E.C, 1626 N. Wilcox Avenue, Suite 584, Hollywood CA 90028
Amanda Silvestri, Director.
Serving the transgender and tran-ssexual community, a confidential and non-judgmental telephone crisis and personal counseling, referrals to support groups in your area, electrologists, medical and psychological help, speakers, & newsletter. ☎ (213) 389-6938

▲ - **ALPHA CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS**: P O Box 36091, Los Angeles CA 90036, ask for Virginia. Kymberleigh Richards, Pres., Virginia Prince Founder .
Los Angeles Chapter of the Society for the Second Self, incorporating both the Sigma Chi and Lambda Alpha Chapters. Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual CDs and their wives/partners/families. ☎ (213) 876-6141 *Alpha Bits*

TV/TG/TS/SO - **GENDER AWARENESS LEAGUE**: c/o Grace Bredow, P O Box 46062, Los Angeles CA 90046
For individuals and loved ones related to gender issues. Meetings every Monday night 8-10pm at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 1625 Hudson Street, Room #109, Los Angeles.

TV - **ANDROGYNY**: P O Box 480740, Los Angeles CA 90004
Social and support group for those who crossdress. Meet on Tuesday nights from 8:00-10:00pm in Santa Monica, CA. Mention that you are calling about Androgyny. 9:00am - 9:00pm PT. ☎ (213) 467-8317, Shiela or Shirley

TG/SO - **GENDER EXPRESSIONS**: P O Box 816, Lakewood, CA 90714-0816
Outreach for TG people and their families. Group meetings, outings and seminars. Listings of books,tapes and organizations. ☎ (310) 869-4241, FAX 869-5662

TV/TS - **CLUB CHERCHEZ LA FEMME:** P O Box 14521 Long Beach CA 90803
Private membership club for those who appreciate the drag scene. Once-a-month dance party with cover charge discounts for members. Can include discount with some merchants catering to TVs. Send SASE for details.

TV/TS - **ON THE SCENE NIGHT:** Marlayna Lacie, 1856 Cherry #608, Long Beach CA 90806
Sponsor open parties for ladies to come out and meet friends old and new. Everyone welcome. On the Scene Night the second Saturday of every month, and Fantasy Fetish Fashion Night the fourth Saturday of every month at the Queen Mary Show Lounge in Studio City. *TV Epic*

TV /SO - **CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB**: CHIC, P O Box 562, Duarte CA 91009
For heterosexual CDs only, their wives, professional people (MDs, psychologists, teachers, etc.), and friends. We are a local Southern California organization. We offer support and friendship, and stress security and good manners. Meetings, parties, monthly dinners, and seminars on makeup, wigs, clothes, and other topics of interest. Sponsor educational programs for the public. Meetings held 2nd Saturday night of each month. Meetings are for members and approved guests. ☎ Information/Speakers Bureau: (714) 993-7142.
CHIC Clippings

CD/TS - **CD SOCIAL GROUP**
P O Box 224, Montrose CA 91021
A group free of politics with never a dull moment. Write for information.

CD/TS/SO - **BORN FREE:**:
PO Box 1897, Corona CA 91720
Monthly dinner meeting with guest speaker for members of the gender community, their family and friends. Planned members-only outings from time to time. $40 per year. Screening required. *Born Free*

TV/TS/SO - **NEUTRAL CORNER**: P O B 12581, San Diego CA 92112
A self-help group to help its members live a normal and productive lives. Serving San Diego County with social and educational programs, a communication network, monthly meetings, monthly newsletter, membership consulting, wives' and families' input.
☎ (619) 685-3696 *Reflections*

TS - **PHOENIX RISING**:
c/o Kristen Dixon, P O Box 632852, San Diego CA 92163-2852
A support/social group for transsexuals in transition.. Weekly meetings offering mutual support and friendship. Sharing resources, knowledge, and hope. No dues or fees required.

LOVED ONES OF TRANSSEXUALS
Monthly support group for family, friends of transsexuals and interested medical professionals facilitated by Jeanee Ebner, a mother of a post-op TS. Meets the second Thursday of each month. Specifically for TSs and their affiliates.
☎(714) 786-6891

LADIES KNIGHT OUT: , P O Box 19608-179, Irvine CA 92713
Heterosexual crossdressing couples' support group . Monthly BBQs, potlucks, and parties supplemented by outings to a variety of places for fun. Call or write. ☎ (714) 262-9105

▲ - **OMEGA CHI TRI-ESS (Orange County, CA)**: P O Box 1088, Yorba Linda CA 92686 Contact: Joan Goodnight.
Social support group. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

TV/TS/SO - **POWDER PUFFS OF CALIFORNIA**: PPOC, P.O. Box 1088, Yorba Linda CA 92686
Open social and support group . Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Hosts annual anniversary and Christmas dinners. Sponsors annual weekend event in April/May, California Dreamin'. Founding member of Southern Cal.Gender Leadership Council. Interview by club officer is required. ☎ (714) 779-9013 weekdays 9:00 to 9:00 pm PT, leave message. *PPOC Girl Talk*

▲ - **TRI-CHI:** P O Box 194, Tulare CA 93275
Social and support group for crossdressers and their significant others. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA

▲ - **SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF**: Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275
Tri-Ess is a non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Tri-Ess provides a correspondence directory, a directory of commercial services, and chapters throughout the US. Membership and attendance at a local chapter meeting requires an interview with the chapter president or older member to ensure that the applicant is heterosexual complies with Tri-Ess code of conduct. ☎ (209) 688-9246
Femme Mirror

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.:
32158 Camino Capistrano, Suite 203, San Juan Capistrano CA 92675 Wm. G. Heard, PhD, Director.
Program for gender dysphoric persons. Evaluative and treatment techniques developed over the years which permit extensive screening and interaction of the patient at minimum cost, integrating the patient into the mainstream of society. Program is permits the patient to explore alternatives to sex reassignment while providing an effective support mechanism during transition. Our program is a 4-block procedure consisting of intake, transition/support, surgery approval/disapproval, and follow-up. ☎ (714) 240-7020

BRAD TAYLOR, MA
Offices of Jerome Rabow, PhD 10350 Santa Monica Blvd. Ste 310 Los Angeles CA 90025
Registered Marriage Family Child Counselor Intern. Works with couples and individuals on issues related to transvestism/crossdressing. ☎ (310) 576-5455

LOS ANGELES GENDER CENTER: LAGC, 3331 Ocean Park Blvd. Ste 100 Santa Monica CA 90405. Marie Keller, MFCC
LAGC is a collaborative of mental health professionals who provide treatment for individuals and their families dealing with gender-related issues. Individual, family, group therapy and educational services related to CD/TS/,lesbian/gay/bisexual issues. Screening session with psychotherapist needed.

ROXANNE CHERRY, PhD: Roxanne Cherry, PhD, 343 3rd Street, Laguna Beach CA 92651
Licensed marriage family child therapist. Individual, couple, group psychotherapy, gender dysphoria, sexual orientation issues.
☎ (714) 497-9925

THE PRINCE INSTITUTE: P O Box 2916, Palm Springs CA 92263 Angela Prince, Ph.D. Director
A private transgender awareness center offering counselling, education, and support services. Individual and/or group counselling primarily for the cross-dresser/transvestite and/or his significant other. Trans-gender, human sexuality, and personal development classes, seminars, and workshops are also available. Services may be conducted through office visits, by telephone, or correspondence.

INFO LINK ORANGE COUNTY:
Free, confidential referrals to over 3000 agencies.
Also available in Spanish and TDD. ☎ (714) 851-2883

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (900-960)

TV/TS - **TRANSGENDER NATION SAN FRANCISCO**:
504 Castro, Box 288, San Francisco CA 94114-2588
Focus group of Queer Nation working through direct action for transgender liberation. Been transphobed? Give us a call, have a chat with your oppressors. Stay together. Check your buddy.

FTM - **FPSG**: #634, P O Box 410-990, San Francisco CA 94141-0990
Support group for FTM TSs of COLOR ONLY. Bi-weekly meetings dealing with crossliving, survival, legal matters, personal issues, etc. This is a welcoming and non-judgmental atmosphere. We support and respect men who live without hormones to men who are post-mastectomy, as well as gay, bisexual and straight FTM men.

TV/TS - **SAN FRANCISCO GENDER INFORMATION**: SFGI, P O Box 423602, San Francisco CA 94142-3602, Christine Beatty.
Maintains database of transgender resources for San Francisco Bay area. Maintains list of speakers for public speaking on gender issues. Database printout including bibliography for $3.00. Send SASE for further info.

TV/TS/SO - **EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL:** ETVC, P O Box 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486
ETVC is a delightful group of TVs, TSs, SOs, and friends. It is intended as a social / educational group, to meet and to have a good time as well as educate the public. ETVC has an open membership policy with over 400 members. ETVC and provides a full program of educational and social activities and referrals. ☎ (510) 549-2665
if no answer call Telzey at (510) 849-4112 *ETVC Newsletter*

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS SUPPORT: SOS, c/o ETVC, P O Box 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486
Affiliated with ETVC. An educational and support organization for the Significant Others of CD/TS's. Meetings . Newsletter

DIABLO VALLEY GIRLS: DVG, P O Box 272885, Concord CA 94527-2885
Informal, social support group Meetings the first Tuesday and third Monday of every month at 8 pm, at Just Rewards, 2520 Camino Diablo, Walnut Creek. DVG is an open group and welcomes all mature and responsible persons. ☎ (510) 849-4112
Devil Woman

SOCIETY FOR INITIATIVES AND SERVICES IN TRANSGENDER ISSUES (SISTI): P O Box 30844, Oakland CA 94604-0844
Social support and empowerment gathering for Transgendered individuals. Issues addressed include HIV/AIDS care, risk reduction, outreach, family and mental health issues. Counseling is also provided. ☎ (510) 601-7975 Sharon Grayson
(510) 601-9066 AMASSI

FTM/SO - **FEMALE-TO-MALE**: FTM, 5337 College Avenue #142, Oakland CA 94618
Monthy support group exclusively for female-to-male crossdressers, TSs, and their significant others. Quarterly FTM nesletter $15.00/yr ($20 Inter.) Professional sub. rate $25.00/yr. FTM Resource Guide $5.00. Inquire.

TV - **THURSDAY IRREGULARS**: c/o Joan Sheldon, P O Box 6541, San Jose CA 95150-6541
For over 10 years a group of TVs and their friends have met every Thursday for lunch. An informal discussion group and meeting of good friends. Participants come as their "male" selves. Group security conscious, so inquire about requirements.

TV/TS/SO - **RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION**: RGA, P O Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170
Formerly San Jose Chapter, GGA. Social/support group regardless of gender or sexual orientation. Safe and welcome place for all to get together with like-minded individuals. Meetings first and third Fridays of each month. We reach out to all transsexuals and transvestites in an effort to help them accept , make peace with themselves. Visitors welcome. Newsletter ☎ (408) 984-4044 warmline

TV/TS/SO - **SACRAMENTO GENDER ASSOCIATION:** SGA, Blue Rose Chapter, P O Box 215456, Sacramento CA 95821-1456
SGA is a non-sexual membership-based organization serving the educational, social, and recreational needs of the gender-challenged community. Membership is open to all interested persons regard-less of gender or sexual orientation. Monthly socials, support groups . ☎ (800) 585-7742 Newsletter

▲ - **SIGMA SIGMA BETA, TRI-ESS (Sierra Silver Bells):** SSB, P O Box 19933, S. Lake Tahoe CA 96151.See, 'Society for the Second Self,'Tulare CA.

WILLIAM A. HENKIN, PhD: 1801 Bush Street, Suite 111, San Francisco CA 94109
Psychotherapist and board certified sex therapist specializing in work with adults living alternative sex and gender lifestyles. Gender identity concerns and transitions, SM/DS/BD, infantilism, sexual orientation including attention to dissociative states, depression anxiety, shame, guilt. Individuals, significant others, couples. ☎ (415) 923-1150

GENDER COMMUNITY ADVOCATES: No longer active.

GENDER & SELF ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM: GSAP, P O Box 424447, San Francisco CA 94142 Gianna Eveling Israel, Director.
A private personal growth counseling program providing individual, couple, and small group sessions focusing on gender, self & social acceptance, whole-self integration, coming-out, cross-dressing, HIV concerns, and ACA/Co-dependency issues. Short & long-term counseling, small group support and quarterly weekend workshops focusing on gender & acceptance/integration issues. Sliding scale fee. Serving TSs, TVs, and other minorities. Provide professional counseling & training. ☎ (415) 558-8058

TENDERLOIN SELF-HELP CENTER:
191 Golden Gate Ave, San Francisco CA 94102
We are an innovative, non-traditional mental health program. We are a project of Central City Hospitality House. Training in peer counseling, support group facilitation, job training. We offer peer counseling, TV/TS support groups, A.A., shelter referrals and emergency medical care referrals, and other basic survival needs. We serve the Tenderloin/'South Of Market' communities of San Francisco.
☎ (415) 554-0518

REBECCA AUGE, Ph.D:
3637 Grand Ave., Suite C, Oakland CA 94610
Clinical Psychologist working with patients on gender issues, gender dysphoria, crossdressing, gender role transition, couples issues, child abuse, dysfunctional family histories, among others. Member of HBIGDA, uses Standards of Care, a sliding fee scale. ☎ (415) 426-0718 or 835-9820.

HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION: HBIGDA, P O Box 1718, Sonoma CA 95476.
Resource for professionals who work with gender dysphoric patients. Established the *Standards of Care*, the international guideline for the treatment of gender dysphoria.
☎ (707) 938-2871

ANNE VITALE, Ph.D. D Street Counseling Group,
610 D St., San Rafael CA 94901
Psychotherapist specializing in gender-related issues. Counseling Psychologist. Post-op TS (Jan. 1980). In private practice since 1984. Member of HBIGDA and Bay Area Gender Associates. I provide complete pre- and post-op psychotherapy, and make recommendations for hormonal therapy and sex reassignment surgery when applicable. Gender issues group work available and recommended.
☎ (415) 456-4452

JEANNE M. WEST: 450 San Antonio Road #50,
Palo Alto CA 94306;
Behavioral therapist. Experienced with the gender community. Private sessions confidential. ☎(415) 494-2952.

HAWAII (967-969)

HAWAII TRANSGENDERED OUTREACH: P O Box 4530, Honolulu HI 96812-4530
Social and support group. Bi-weekly meetings held at private location. Support groups, referrals, information. ☎ (808) 923-4270 ⟲ Newsletter

SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER: SIC, Box 3224,
Honolulu HI 96801-3224
Therapists, referrals, special support group for TVs and TSs. ☎ (808) 926-1000

OREGON (970-979)

CD - **NORTHWEST GENDER ALLIANCE**: NWGA, P O Box 4928, Portland OR 97208
A social organization serving the crossdressing community. The Northwest Chapter has at least one function a month. The days vary in order to enable all to attend as often as possible. ☎ (503) 646-2802 ⟲ Newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **CAPITOL CITY CHAPTER**: P O Box 3312, Salem OR 97302.
Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers, transsexuals, and significant others. Support rap sessions, social events, assistance available for wig, makeup, clothing and demeanor. Monthly meetings. Individuals will be screened.

TS - **SALMACIS**: The Equalitarian Feminist Social Society, Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604. Sally Ann Douglas, Social Director; Leslie-Shawn Witham, hypnotherapist
Salmacis is a social support society devoted to the concept of feminism, supporting all those who are or desire to become women. Direct telephone counseling, contact with others with similar interests, contact with our central organization and other organizations, and personal growth workshops. Salmacis meets the 3rd Monday of every month, 8PM at the Riv, 39 W. 10th St., Eugene, OR. ☎ (503) 688-4282 (Sally Ann, 6-11 PM PST).
⟲ *Femmes Together* and *The Equalitarian Feminist*

TS - **SALISHON, The Womyn's Information Network**: SALISHON, Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604; Leslie-Shawn Witham, Director.
A service and information network for womyn who perceive themselves living an alternative lifestyle. The only femininity clinic for males and she-males that is run by a staff of professional women.

WASHINGTON (980-994)

TS /SO - **TRANSSEXUAL LESBIANS AND FRIENDS**: TLF, Seattle Washington 98103
Open to the gay and transgendered community as well. We seek strength through diversity. Meetings every Friday at 6:30pm. Call for location. Significant Others especially urged to attend. We plan monthly functions. There is no membership fee. New members are screened. Members must be drug and alcohol free. ☎ (206) 292-1037

TV/TS/SO - **EMERALD CITY**: P O Box 31318, Seattle WA 98103
Frequent social and educational events ranging from private to very public. Provides speakers and materials to the media and to public institutions to promote the acceptance of a variety of gender expressions. Attempts to influence legislation in ways favorable to individual rights. Assists partners of cross-dressers in obtaining understanding and acceptance. Partners welcome at meetings and eligible for membership. Guests are welcome at monthly meetings and at events when sponsored and escorted by a member. Prospective members must be sponsored. ☎ (206) 284-1071 ⟲ Newsletter

THE INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER:
1812 East Madison, Seattle WA 98122
Ingersoll Gender Center is a non-profit counseling and referral service for the transsexual community in the Northwest. It is managed by a professional board and has eight experienced, licensed therapists with advanced degrees on contract. Ingersoll works closely with the Emerald City and Seattle Counseling Service. Individual and group counseling, professional consultation to service providers, referrals, research, and public information presentation. Weekly support meetings, public information presentations, research, and informational materials upon request. ☎ (206) 329-6651

ALASKA(995-999)

CD/TS - **THE BERDACHE SOCIETY:** c/o Nora Jean York, P O Box 92381, Anchorage AK 99509-2381 Nora Jean York, Co-founder
A social, organization serving the crossdressing and transgendered community. Regular meeting schedule. Community service projects. IFGE fund raiser projects. Computer BBS. Alignment and participation with the local gay and lesbian community. Fun socials. Individuals will be screened prior to meeting with group. ⟲ *The Berdache Voice*

ALASKAN T-PEOPLE: c/o Bobbie Wendy Tucey, P O Box 670349, Chugiak AK 99567-0349
Strictly social, not political in any way. Social activities for the whole family: fishing parties, outings, whatever. The purpose is for those of us who have our family's love and support to be able to do things with them.

CANADA

TS - **ETRE FEMME;QUEBEC TRANSEXUAL ASSOCIATION INC.**Mme Viviane Belanger, 84, Boul. des Allies, Quebec, P. Que., CANADA G1L 1Y2
French speaking transsexual support for both M-F and F-M. Monthly meetings, medical referrals, psychiatrists, psychologists, hormone therapy, and counselling service for

parents of TSs. Private interview, after therapy group in the hospitals in Quebec City and Montreal. ☎ (418) 529-1152

TS/SO - **FACT - QUEBEC**: FACT, c/o Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Box 293, Cote de Neiges Post Office, 5858 Cote de Neiges Boulevard, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H3S 2S6

Closely affiliated with FACT - Ontario. A non-profit support organization for transsexuals, their relatives and friends, professionals and para-professionals working in the field of gender dysphoria, and others prepared to support the aims of the Foundation. Information distribution concerning transsexualism. Offers peer support and peer counseling. Organizes support groups across Canada wherever these are feasible and has area representatives wherever possible. Provides speakers on transsexualism to media, etc.

TS/SO - **TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON:** Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd., Mon-treal, Quebec,CANADA H3S 2S6
Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Distribution Director/Canadian Regional Director,

Information network for incarcerated transsexuals, including transgendered persons as well. We provide referrals for medical, educational, and public facilities. Counseling services and working with the TS pursuing legal sanctions against their correctional facility with regards to medical care, education, and employment. All incoming mail is screened to ensure that the individual is a person in need of the services offered. ☞ newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **CLUB MET (Formerly TAM):** Club MET, 4113 Dorion Street, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H2K 3B8

Social support group. Monthly formal meetings and various social activities. Bi-monthly bilingual newsletter. ☎ (514) 528-8874 ☞ *Garter Press*

TS/TV - **FACTT - OTTAWA**: Box 7421, Vanier, Ontario, CANADA K1L 8E4

Support group for transsexuals and transvestites. Meetings monthly on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Contact FACTT president through the Ottawa Gayline Arrange a call time.

TS - **TRANSITION SUPPORT**: c/o The Church Street Community Centre, 519 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 2C9.

Annual membership fee. . Meetings held at 7:30 pm on the second Friday of each month. Meetings are open to TVs, TSs, TGs, SOs, helping professionals, and interested, caring members of the general public. Inquire for details. ☞ *Trans News*

TV/TS - **STREET OUTREACH SERVICES**: SOS, 622 Yonge St, 2nd Fl, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 1Z8

Non-profit Anglican Houses program specifically designed to address the needs of youth, aged 16-24 years engaged in, or drifting towards, the lifestyle of prostitution. Drop-in center (M-F 9:30 am - 5:30 pm), rap groups, legal, medical and welfare consultants, street and office work with youth, AIDS program, one-to-one . ☎ (416) 926-0744 (24 hours)

TV/TG/TS/SO -**GENDER MOSAIC** : P O Box 7421, Vanier Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA K1L 8E4

Social support group open to all. Meetings twice a month, parties at other times. First Saturday is an alcohol-free social. Frequent informal activities outside the club. Referrals, help line, quarterly newsletter. Membership $40 per year. ☎ (613) 749-5203
☞ *Notes from the Underground*

TV/TS/SO -**CANADIAN CROSSDRESSERS' CLUB**: Canadian CDC, 161 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M5A 2E4

FUN for CD, TS, TG, SOs, friends, female impersonators, and drag queens. Parties every Saturday night. Space for storage and changing, private transformation room, and two over-night guest rooms. Located in downtown Toronto. Modest screening process.
☎ (416) 921-6112 (24 hours) ☞ *CanadianCrossdresserMagazine*

PRAIRIE ROSE GENDER CLUB: Box 23 Grp 4 RR1, Dugald, Manitoba, R0E 0K0 CANADA

Open, support, social and educational club with accent on fun and education. General meetings the first Thursday of the month, socialization meetings following Thursdays in Winnipeg. Write to get meeting date with an interviewer for required screening process. Also runs Gender Help Line in evenings. ☎(204) 257-2759

TV/TS/SO - **MONARCH SOCIAL CLUB**: MSC, Mississauga A, P O Box 386, Mississauga, Ontario, CANADA L5A 3A1

Social organization. Private /public functions,correspondence,peer linking service . Members receive *Crossdressers Resource and Survival Guide*. Sponsors annual Mardi Gras Weekend the first weekend in October. Membership interview. ☞ Newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB:** Box2000, 6802 Ogden Rd. S.E., Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2C-1B4.

Social support group meetings the second Saturday and last Thursday of the month(7:30pm). Door fee for cost plus a little contribution to charity. Yearly membership $30 includes subscription to newsletter and membership card. New members must be screened. Must be member or invited guest to attend meetings. ☞ Bi-monthly newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB:** Box 33002 Glenwood P O , Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA T5P-4V8.

Social support groupmeeting twice a month. Bi-monthly newsletter. ☞ *Illusions*

TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP: Dr. Angela Wensley, 14905 32nd Avenue, White Rock, British Columbia,CANADAV4P 1A4

Support group for transsexuals, including patients of the Gender Dysphoria Clinic in Vancouver, and individuals who have been referred to the clinic. Spouses and children are welcome, as are thosevisiting from other cities. Meet 7 - 11:00 pm every Wednesday. Locations vary, so inquire for meeting place. By member referral and/or private interview with member. Our policy is to be inclusive rather than exclusive. ☎ (604) 536-2053

TV/TS/SO - **DREAM GIRLS**: P O Box 535, Kamloops, British Columbia, CANADA V2C-5L7

Social support group. Bi-weekly meetings. Write for information. Interview required.

TS - **ZENITH FOUNDATION**: 8415 Granville Street, Box 46, Vancouver, B.C. V6P 4Z9

TS, TGs. Publishes educational / informational material. Group just forming. Referrals.

TV/TS/SO - **FOUNDATIONS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TRANSGENDERED PEOPLE'S SOCIETY**: FATE, 1-1727 William Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V5L 2R5 CANADA

Advocacy, peer counseling, education and awareness programs, weekly drop-in programs, monthly socials, referral services. Open organization. ☎ (604) 254-9591

TV/SO - **CORNBURY SOCIETY**: Box 3745, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V6B 3Z1

Support group for heterosexual crossdressers and wives. Inquire.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, 250 College Street, Toronto,Ontario,CANADA M5T 1R8

Offers assessment and counseling for all gender dysphorics referred from any physician. Can include approval for reimbursement of reassignment surgery upon completion of established international criteria. Full assessments done over a three-day period. Weekly therapy available for those in area, referals for those further away. Staff is available for public speaking. ☎ 416-979-2221, ext. 2339

GENDER DYSPHORIA CLINIC: Vancouver General Hospital, 715 West 12th Ave, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V5Z-1M9
Dr. Diane Watson, Director

Accepts referrals from the patient's general practitioner only. Patients must be residents of British Columbia. Staff includes two psychiatrists, an endocrinology consultant, a psychologist, a social worker, a nurse, two medical consultants, a speech-language pathologist and a coordinator. Psychiatric and psychological counseling, endocrinology, speech therapy. Thursday drop-in, 1:30-3:00pm. Several support groups work with the patients to decide appropriate course of action. SRS is not performed in British Columbia. Minimum of 12 months successful crossliving is required prior to consideration for surgery. ☎ (604) 875-4100

MEXICO

MORENA & ORTA GENDER ISSUES SPECIALISTS.
Acoxpa And. 51 #17 duplex 2,
Col. Villa Coapa, C. P. 14390, Mexico, D. F. Mexico.

Counseling, research and education for transvestites, transsexuals, gender conflicted persons and their families or others. Individual and couples conseling provided by Board Certified Sexologists. Transgender, human sexuality, couple, classes, seminars and workshops. Total confidentiality.
☎ & **FAX** 673-53-12

ENGLAND

TV - **BEAUMONT SOCIETY**: BM, Box 3084, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND. Information 071-756-1782

Beaumont is a non-profit, non-sexual organization forcrssdressers throughout Great Britain. Evening and weekend functions, counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Provide a library, legal advice, and a liaison and referral service , network of organizations throughout Great Britain, and affiliations worldwide. Interview with a qualified member. *The Beaumont Bulletin*

TS/SO - **WOBS-THE B S PARTNERS GROUP:** BM, WOBS, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

A support group for partners and families of crossdressers. Confidential support network with similar problems can be put in touch with each other and given sympathetic help.

TV/TS -**SEAHORSE SOCIETY:** BM Seahorse, Box 6093, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

A social organization for heterosexual transvestites and transsexuals, social events, etc. Confidentiality assured. ☎ Newsletter

TV/TS - **BEAUMONT TRUST:** BM Charity, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

Registered charity and voluntary body funded by donations. Assists those directly troubled by gender dysphoria or interested in their care. Provides referrals to appropriate organizations, professional counsellors, self-help groups, etc. Assists the gender dysphoric person and family to come to terms with problems.

TV/TS - **THE GENDER TRUST:** BM GENTRUST, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND.

A help group for those who consider themselves to be transsexual, gender dysphoric, or transgendered seeking to adjust their lives to live in the opposite gender. Help also available for family members. We can provide trained counsellors, psychologists, and psychotherapists, and there is a referral procedure to a choice of other therapists as well. Confidentiality assured. ☎ 071 730 7453 from 7-10pm Thursday (transsexuals)
7-10pm Tuesday (transvestites)

FTM - **FTM**: BM NETWORK, London, WC1N 3XX, ENGLAND

Social support group for female to male TSs. Quarterly newsletter, free, but donations requested. Annual meetings held in UK, and local friendship groups throughout the world. *Boy's Own*

THE GENDER DYSPHORIA TRUST (Formerly SHAFT): BM, Box 7624, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

A self-help group for those who consider themselves to be transsexual. Handbook, and other relevant material. Confidential contact system for members. ☎ 0323 641100
dyscourse

TV - **TRANSVESTITE'S SELF HELP GROUP**: TSHG, P O Box 3281 London E1 6JG ENGLAND

This new group for CDs has been formed by ex-members of the defunct TV/TS Support Group. Offers a comfortable place to meet, good changing facilities, refreshments, and regular social events. ☎071 289 5240

TV/TS - **NEW TRANSESSEX**: P O Box 3, Basildon, Essex, England SS14 1PT

Social club. Meetings 4th Friday of every month. There is a quarterly magazine, and a help line. Inquire. Very secure. ☎ 0268-583761,Wed./ Sun.eves 7:00pm - 10:00pm.
Reflections

TV/TS - **LIVERBIRDS, MERSEYSIDE TV/TS GROUP**: Merseyside TV/TS Group, c/o Friend Merseyside, 36 Bolton Street, Liverpool L3 5LX ENGLAND UK. D. S. Cochran, Secretary

See 'Beaumont Society.' Above address is the Friend Merseyside, the local gay group. They are allowing us to use their place Fridays from 8-10pm. You would be well advised to call and confirm. ☎ 051 709 4745 Friday evenings only

TV/TS - **INTERNATIONAL GENDER TRANSIENT AFFINITY**: IGTA, c/o Miss Phaedra Kelly, Director, 1, Bank Buildings, School Green Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, P040 9AJ, UK of GB.

An international network by mail and physical contact, serving front line community cases overseas, engaged in research, documentation, fact finding and rescue missions, linking Third World and politically endangered groups to free world groups. Education, information, active and exchange assistance, communication. No fees, but freewill contributions needed and welcome. Security applicable to location(s). Free World Transgendered individuals not interested in, or able to assist with work, please try other more social groups.

TV/TS/SO - **THE NORTHERN CONCORD (Manchester)**: Jenny Baker, P O Box 258, Manchester, M60 1LN ENGLAND.

Asocial and support group associated with the Beaumont Society, and the TV/TS Support Group. Meetings at a Bistro in Manchester city every Wednesday night from 7:30 - 12:00. Changing facilities, licensed bar. Accomodation available. *Cross Talk*

BOYS OWN: 376 Upper Brook Street, Victoria Park, Manchester M13 OEP ENGLAND

TV/SO - **ROSE'S**: P.O. Box 339, Sheffield S1 3SX ENGLAND;

A private house offering comprehensive facilities to help all who love 'dressing' - not only those who crossdress, but their wives and girlfriends and other ladies who love 'dressing up.' Regular social evenings 2nd Fridays, parties, visits and accommodation at other times by arrangement. Full confidentiality assured. ☎0742 342870 or 0742 691444
Repartee

SCOTLAND

TV/TS/SO - **GRAMPIAN GENDER GROUP:** 3G, Aberdeen, SCOTLAND. 03398 83695.

Open to members of other groups. Third Saturday of each month except December, rooms open at 1pm for 2pm meeting, £2.00. Changing facilities or arrive dressed. Wives and partners welcome. Anne Forrester. *The Tartan Skirt* ☎ 03398 83695

TV/TS/SO - **CROSSLYNX**: Crosslynx, c/o SLGS, P O Box 38,Glasgow, SCOTLAND G2 2QF.

Provide help and support to all . No individual will be excluded because of his sexual orientation. Meets in Glasgow on the second Tuesday of each month from 7-10pm. For details call Strathclyde Gay and Lesbian switchboard, 041-221-8372. We are conscious of the need for security.

CD/SO - **TRANS-TRAP (SCOTLAND)**: Miss Julie Bradshaw, 30/1 Halmyre Street, Edinburgh EH6 8QD SCOTLAND

Crossdressing counselling and information service set up to help all CDs, their families, partners, and relatives with their problems. It is run by Julie Bradshaw, a transsexual, and her partner Douglas who is not a crossdresser but is involved with the welfare of the partners of the crossdressers. Counselling one-on-one or with the partner or relative if so desired. Utmost discretion. Referrals to other helping professionals if necessary or desired. Trans-Trap is a voluntary service and is entirely funded by donations from clients and friends. Postal clients please send SAE. ☎ 031-555 6416

IRELAND

BELFAST BUTTERFLY CLUB: P O Box 210, Belfast BT11BGN. IRELAND

Social support group for TVs, TSs, friends. Meetings in Belfast on the first and third Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm to 11.30pm. Full program of activities.

FRANCE

ASSOCIATION BEAUMONT CONTINENTALE: ASSOCIATION BEAUMONT CONTINENTALE, c/o Gaby Linsig, 2 Rue des Charpentiers, 68270 Wittenheim, France. See, 'Beaumont Society,' in the England listings.

CEMTOR(Sexologie et Developpement Hedonique):
6 rue de la Bascule, 45100 Orleans, FRANCE.
Advice, information, referrals, hypnosis, sexology and gender identity.

SWITZERLAND

KONTAKTFORUM FEMME TRAVESTIE: KFT, Postfach 6788, CH8023 Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Very active social group in Switzerland. Other details are unavailable at this time.

NETHERLANDS

TV/TS/SO - **DE STICHTING REBORN:** Maria Danneelserf 10, 2907 BD CAPELLE a/d IJSSEL, NETHERLANDS
Social support group. Meeting once a month in a private apartment on the second Friday, 21.00-02.00H. Small shop for clothes and accessories. Smaller meetings twice a week. Immanuel B.de Vries. ☎ 010-4503469 ☞ Newsletter

STICHTING NEDERLANDS GENDER CENTRUM: c/o Ms. I. E. Neumann, Borssenburg 24, 1181 NV Amstelveen, NETHERLANDS
Coordinates contacts between other groups. Mainly works on behalf of transsexuals.

WERKGROEP (H)ERKENNING: Caroline and Aloys Hulshof, P O Box 71, 1000 AB Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Self-help group for (ex)partners , parents and other relatives of transsexuals.

STICHTING EDE: Bennekomseweg 160, 6871 KJ Renkum,NETHERLANDS
Self-help group for female-to-male transsexuals, emotionally. ☞Newsletter.

STICHTING OMD: P O Box 24, 4844 ZG Terheijden (NB),NETHERLANDS
Independent social service for gender dysphoric persons.

VERENIGING L K G T & T: P O Box 11575, 1001 GN Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Open gender dysphoria group. Monthly regional meetings in various areas. , P O Box 13500, 2501 EM The Hague, NETHERLANDS ☞ Transformatie

TRANSSEXUAL CONTACT GROUP VIRGIN: VIRGIN, P O Box 71, 1000 AB Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
TS support group. Friends and relatives welcome.

WERKGROEP FACET: Rode Kruislaan 61, 5628 GB Eindhoven, NETHERLANDS
Self-help group for (married) couples where gender issues are a problem. Phone counseling man-to-man or partner-to-partner.

GENDERTEAM AMSTERDAM Prof.dr. L.J.G. Gooren,
Internist/endocrinologist, Dept/ Endocrinology/Andrology,
Free University Hospital, P O Box 7057,
1007 MB Amsterdam, the NETHERLANDS
Professionally managed gender program based on the Standards of Care, administered by the Free University Hospital in Amsterdam. Presently treats about 1100 clients. The program provides intake, screening, diagnosis, hormonal treatment, surgery and follow up. ☎ (31)(20)5489111 ext. 199, Fax (31)(20)5487502

NEDERLANDSEVERENIGING HUMANITAS:
Ms. P.Klene,P O Box 71, 1000 AB Amsterdam,NETHERLANDS
Helps TS. Phone assistance by trained volunteers.

GERMANY

TV/TS - **TRANSIDENTITAS**: Menschen Mit Abweichender Geschlects Identitaet, Postfach 10 10 46, 6050 Offenbach GERMANY
Support group for transvestites and transsexuals. Inquire. ☎ 069 8001008

TSH ESSEN: Claudia Peppenhorst,Caesar Strasse 34, 45130 Essen GERMANY
☎ 0201 - 78 69 99

TS GRUPPE HAMBURG: Christin-Susan Black, Nueblerkamp 13a, 22175 Hamburg, GERMANY
☎ 040-754 43 23

TSH MUENSTER: Claudia Scholz. Budden Strasse 22, 48143 Muenster, GERMANY
☎ 0251 43240

LEBENSBERATUNG FUER TRANSSEXUELLE MENSCHEN IM SAARLAND: Dr. Waltraud Schiffels, Schloss Strasse 6, 66117 Saarbruecken, GERMANY
☎0681-58 39 12

LEBENSBERATUNG FUER TRANSSEXUELLE MENSCHEN IM SAARLAND: Marc Elsholz, Am Hagen 13, 66117 Saarbruecken, GERMANY
☎ 0681-589 8449

TV - **TRANSVESTITENGRUPPE**: c/o MANNEGE, Friedrichstrasse 165 (Hausderdemokratie) 10117 Berlin, GERMANY
Counseling and support group for men who like to crossdress. Rap sessions about gender issues, and politics for a non-sexist society. ☎ 030 208 21 57

TS -**TRANSSEXUELLENGRUPPE IN DER SEKIS BERLIN**: c/o Uwe Klaassen, Albrecht -Achilles Strasse 65, 10709 Berlin, GERMANY
Meeting every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:30pm. ☎ 030-345 36 81

TS - **VIVA TS-SELBSTHILFE MUENCHEN e. V.:** VIVA Muenchen, c/o Simone-Yvonne Budzyn, P O Box 710232, W-8000 Muenchen 71, GERMANY
Self-help group for M-to-F and F-to-M transsexuals. Regular meetings in Munich on Friday 2. (only male), 4. (all female and male), and Friday 5. (only female). There are reports on operators, physicians, therapists, and psychiatrists. We have an annual summer party and a Xmas meeting. Write for more information. ☎ 089-7916643 (18-18.30 h, please speak German).

▲ - **FPE-FRANKFURT**: c/o Infrmationszentrum für Männerfragen e.V., Sandweg 49,D-60316 Franfurt am Main, GERMANY
Affiliated with Tri-Ess. Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 20:00-23:00h in Frankfurt. Personal interview before attending. ☎/FAX (069) 4950446

TRANSIDENTITAS e. V.: Postfach 10 10 46, D 63010 Offenbach/M.,GERMANY
Frankfurt, meetings every third Wednesday, 8:00pm, Selbsthilfe - Nachbarschaftszentrum Ostend Uhland strasse 50 (back building) 60314 Frankfurt/Main. Selbsthilfegruppe Magdeburg im KOBES Magdeburg Klosterhof la. Offenbach meetings third Wednesdays, 8:00pm at Selbsthilfe-Nachbarschaftszentrum Ostend Uhland Strasse 50, Frankfurt/Main. Koblenz at the Coming Out every Monday 7:00-9:00pm. Hannover every Tuesday at HOME-Zentrum, Johannestr. 8, Hannover, from 7:00-9:30pm.

NORWAY

TV - **FPE-NE**: Postboks 1968 Vika, N 0125 Oslo 1, NORWAY
An organization for heterosexual transvestites throughout Scandinavia with independent governed regions in Sweden, Denmark, and Norway. Monthly meetings, and twice a year weekend functions. Counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. A private library for members. Private interview with qualified member.
☞ *Feminform*

SWEDEN

TV/SO - **FPE-NE**: Box 11107, S-500 11, Boras, SWEDEN
See F.P.E. Northern Europe. Weekend meetings in Stockholm, and throughout Sweden. Meetings the first Wednesday of each month. Private interview with qualified member.
☞ *Feminform*

TV/SO - **FPE-SWEDEN**: Box 529, S 10130 Stockholm, SWEDEN
Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual crossdressers, their partners and families. Weekend functions. Contact system for members. Experienced speakers for college, university and radio appearances.Private interview with qualified member.
☞ *Feminform*

FINLAND

TV/TS - **SETA**: P O Box 55, SF-00531, Helsinki, FINLAND
National Organization for Lesbians and Gay men in Finland. Can refer members of the gender community to support groups and helping professionals, where around the country. Meetings for TVs the second Thursday of the month, and for TSs on the fourth Thursday, from 7-9 pm. at Oikokatu 3, Helsinki. ☎ (9)0- 135 8303

DENMARK

FPE-NE: Boks 192, DK-2600, Glostrup, DENMARK
See, 'Beaumont Society,' in the England listings. Monthly meetings.

TURKEY

TRAVESTY/TRANSSEXUALLE: c/o Demet Demir, Lao 176/D.S., Kultur Je Sanat, Siraselviler, Taksim, Istanbul, TURKEY
A group representing TV/TS of Turkey, but DO NOT mention the name of the group on the envelop. Communication is best in German, French, or Spanish. ☎ 157 8925

TV/TS - **SEXUAL LIBERTIES**: Use the above mailing instructions for Travesty/Transsexualle c/o Iskendar Savasir.
This group represents all sexual minorities in Islamic countries. It has a representative from each minority group. Includes a representative from this community.

PAKISTAN

TV - **KHUSRA OF PAKISTAN:** Muhamid Aslam Khusra, Ex-Candidate, PF-34 Abbotabad, c/o Hockey Stadium, Abbotabad, PAKISTAN
Since Khusra means "transvestite" or "eunuch," this group is not underground.
☎ code 05921 6158 leave message, or 05921 2858.

EASTERN EUROPEAN REPUBLICS

GENDER TRANSIENT AFFINITY OF LATVIA: Elga Remes, Director, Jurmala, -15. P O Box 17, 2015 LV, LATVIA
Networking TV/TS/TGs in the western republics of the former eastern bloc. Filtering news, exchanging data, contacts, referrals, etc. Information exchange, reduced rate services and equipment supply, in respect of soft - currency of the country. Free-will donations of clothing/shoes/wigs/breast forms welcome. Agencies at discount if it can be arranged. All and any academic material contemporary about TV/TS to educate their authorities, media and the proletariate. ↬ *Phoenix Rising*

RUSSIA

TV/TS - **ICE AND FIRE MOSCOW**: Margaret Mankevich, 678190 Aihal, Yakutia, Gagarina Str No 28, Flat No 3, RUSSIA.
Support group with a TV secretary in Moscow networking with other cities in Russia. Working to locate, identify and list Russian TVs/TSs suffering in prison/asylums to refer to Amnesty International/IGTA for world attention. Write directly to Margaret Mankevich. **DO NOT USE GROUP NAME OR TITLE ON ENVELOPE.** Do not enclose hard currency. Donations can be made through European account. Inquire for serial number. Any and all educational material about gender issues, academic interest from the world, active aid and financial donations. Overseas aid to publish a magazine. A trust fund to assist passage for TS operations in Europe. Network assistance to accomodate and work in Europe. Written invite still needed from abroad before any Russian can travel. ☎ 11.19.

JAPAN

TS - **ELIZABETH CLUB**: 5-32-18 Kameido, Koto-Ku, Tokyo 136, JAPAN
The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for transsexuals, androgynes, and transgenderists. Located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya. We offer Storage facilities for our members. We also have consultants available for helping members with make-up and dressing. There is a rental service of clothing, wigs, and other related items for members. The Club (through Ant Trading Co., listed below) also publishes a magazine every other month. This magazine serves as a source of information to members on activities and events in Japan. ↬ *Queen* ☎ 11.19.03-3683-6092 (Kameido Club).

TS - **ELIZABETH CLUB:** 1-1-9 Kujo, Nishi-Ku, Osaka 550, JAPAN.
The Elizabeth Club for transsexuals, androgynes, and transgenderists. We are located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya. We offer storage facilities for our members. We also have consultants available for helping members with make-up and dressing. There is a rental service of clothing, wigs, and other related items. ↬ *Queen*

TS - **ELIZABETH NAGOYA SHOP**: 1-13-15 noritake nakamura-ku, Nagoya-shi 453 JAPAN
See Elizabeth Club listings above.

TS - **FTM NIPPON**: Adachi-ku, Adachi-nishi-post office 123 Tokyo, JAPAN.
The first Japanese FTM TS support group. Networking through newsletter with other FTM TV/TG/TS all over Japan and in other countries. Newsletter is expensive, but free to foreigners. ↬ *FTM Nippon* ☎ .03-3683-6092 (Kameido Club)

AUSTRALIA

TV/SO - **THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC.**: P O Box 391, Rhodes, New South Wales 2112, AUSTRALIA
The Seahorse Society, Inc. is a social organization for CDs and families. The Society is a member in good standing of the Association of Self-Help Organizations and Groups, 39 Darghan Street, Glebe 2037, N.S.W., Australia. Seahorse welcomes new members and overseas visitors, offering support to those of us unable to emerge by means of affiliate membership. The Society has subsumed the Flamingo Association. Seahorse distributes information on shopping, coming events, and being femme through a monthly newsletter to members. Weekly and monthly meetings provide friendship, beauty assistance, and help with related matters. Lending library and guest speakers. Seahorse places strong emphasis on security for all members and requires screening of prospective members before attending meetings. However, no screening is required of affiliate members. Overseas members are screened in the same way; overseas visitors must either be screened or have accreditation from a similar organization.

TV/SO - **SEAHORSE CLUB OF QUEENSLAND**: Seahorse Club, Denyse Stewart, PO Box 628, Gympie, Queensland 4570, AUSTRALIA
Details of activities not yet available.

AUSTRALIAN TRANSGENDERISTS SUPPORT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND, Inc.: ATSAQ, P O Box 212, New Farm, Queensland 4005 AUSTRALIA
Provides support, counsel, referrals, hotline. Information on Social Security, Medicare, Motor transport, discrimination, health rights, police service, etc. Monthly meetings, newsletter. All information is confidential. ☎ 07-846-3787

TV/SO - **THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF VICTORIA**: SSV, c/o GPO Box 2337V, Melbourne 3001, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA
The largest continuously active club in Australia. A social/support organization forCDs and SO.We sponsor social activities, outings, and related events. ↬ *Seahorse Victoria*

THE FLAMINGO ASSOCIATION: See Seahorse of New South Whales.

TV/TS/SO - **CARROUSEL CLUB**: c/o Lana Allen, Box 721, Cowandilla, South Australia 5033, AUSTRALIA
Social support group. Various functions and social events in private homes and public venues as well. Interviewed by an Executive Board member before application is processed. Care is taken to protect the security of all members at all times.

TV/TS - **THE ELAINE BARRIE PROJECT**: EBP, Box 405, Altona, Victoria 3018, AUSTRALIA
A self-help group for TVs and TSs. Self-funding and self-supporting. Regular monthly social meetings and education projects throughout the year. A large reading and video sex education library with emphasis on genuine TV- and TS-related issues. Guest speakers. Almost anyone over the age of 18 (TV, TS, helping professional, families, friends, and significant others) is welcome. One factor takes precedence over all others: that visitor or member behaves in a civilized manner and bears us no ill will. ☎ 369-2613 ↬ *Nu-Scene*

TS - **WEST AUSTRALIAN TS SUPPORT UNITY PRIDE**: WATSUP, P O Box 771, Doubleview, West Australia 6018 AUSTRALIA, Attn: Lee-Anne
Support for TSs, their family and friends. To lobby towards legal changes in West Australia. Fortnightly meetings, social nights, newsletter, $10 joining fee. All members sign a non-disclosure and confidentiality form.

CD - **CHAMELEON SOCIETY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**: Loretta Strange, P O Box 367, Victoria Park, Western Australia 6100, AUSTRALIA
Open support for gender people and their partners. Meetings first and third Thursdays each month, 8:30-11:00.

THE GENDER CENTRE: Projects Manager, P O Box 266, Petersham, NSW 2049, Sydney, AUSTRALIA
Welfare organisation for people with gender issues. Provides medical, psychological gender and HIV/AIDS counseling, support, referrals. Resource development service.

Drug and alcohol service. Residential service to support those moving towards independent living.

NEW ZEALAND

TV - **HEDESTHIA:** Hedesthia Central, Box 78-026, Grey Lynn, Auckland, NEW ZEALAND
Affiliated with the Beaumont Society.

TV/TS/SO - **NEW ZEALAND GENDER DYSPHORIA FOUNDATION**: NZGDF, P O Box 2827, Auckland, NEW ZEALAND
Irregularly scheduled meetings. Bi-monthly newsletter. Lending collection of books, videos, lingerie. Membership only to CD, TV, TS, SO. *La Femme*

TV/TS - **THE MINORITIES TRUST & TRANSCARE/NEW ZEALAND**: Transcare New Zealand, 106 Witako Street, EPUNI, LOWER HUTT Wellington, NEW ZEALAND (Miss Leone Neil.)
Now in indefinite recess and no longer functioning.

TS - **TRANSSEXUAL OUTREACH PROJECT/TRANSSEXUAL EDUCATION WELFARE AND HEALTH ORGANISATION**: TOPs/TEWAHO, P O Box 11-412, Manners Street, Wellington NEW ZEALAND
TS advocacy and peer support group, HIV/AIDS prevention, testing, counselling. Free STD checks. Referrals. Require you send an introductory letter. *On TOPs*

SOUTH AFRICA

TV/TS - **THE PHOENIX SOCIETY HELPLINE**: Box 6433, Parow-East, 7500, SOUTH AFRICA
The Phoenix Society is a social organization. All transpeople, whatever their race, politics, religion, colour, sexual orientation or nationality, together with those closely associated with them are welcome. Actively trying to change attitudes in South Africa. Creating support groups in all major cities. Provides contacts. New members are "sponsored" by full members. All lists are confidential. *Fanfare*

TV/TS/SO - **SATRU** :c/o P O Box 87283 Houghton 2041, Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA
Social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and significant others.

WEST AFRICA

TRANSFORMATION SECOND SELF: Jane Enuneku, KM 4 Idiroko Road, P O Box 1006, OTA, OGUN State, NIGERIA - WEST AFRICA
Charity. Monthly meetings the first week of each month. All applicants are screened by the Board as stipulated by the organizaton.

COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS

CD FORUM: cd request @ valis. biocad. com or uunet! sgi!biocad! valis! cd-request
Electronic mailing list digest. Support of TV, TS and other gender issues. Archive server for past digests. No membership fees. Your address will be confidential. Your material will be stripped of header and signature id unless you instruct otherwise. To subscribe, send short paragraph describing your interest in the list and where you heard of it. You will be asked to submit an introductory article within one month of your subscription.

TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND: Waltham, MA; (617) 899-3230. 300/1200/2400 Baud N81 4 nodes.
Education, support, information, and resources. Friendly board serving the needs of those in the gender community. Open to anyone interested in transgenderism and related issues. News and information, private and public chat and message areas. Four phone lines for group discussions in real time, user stories, gender related resources, areas for wives and family members, and an artificial intelligence, computer generated, Co-Sysop.

THE JERSEY SHORE SYSTEM: Ocean County, NJ; (609) 693-8849. 300/1200 baud, 8N1.
Log on using the name APRIL MAY with the password of FRIENDS (all caps). This will get you into a sub-board of the main system. After you have logged on as above you may register the name of your choice for future access.

DIFFERENT REALITIES: (402) 345-8381 8N1. J
ust starting in Rochester, New York.

LUNATIC FRINGE BBS:Bayside, NY (718) 224-7977.
1200-14400 baud accepted..
BBS for the gender community. 24 hours a day / 7 days a week. Free access / No ratios. Donations accepted.

SATIN & LACE: Rochester, NY. SYSOP Kimmy K. (716) 334-5663 1200/2400/9600/14400 (8N1)
Variety of file and message areas. FREE! To obtain free, Full Access account, logon using the name HI THERE and the password TVTS. Select <Q> from the Main Menu and fill out the account creation questionnaire. Full Access account within 48 hours.

GENDERLINE: BBS (Compuserve Information Service). Nodes nationwide. Admission by subscription to Compuserve and by permission of system operator of the Human Sexuality (HSX) forums. For Compuserve subscription information, call 800-848-8990. Within Compuserve, access the HSX Support Groups\Adult Forum by typing GO HSX200 at any prompt. In HSX Help Files (Library 16) read the file CLOSED.TEXT — Closed Section
Agreement for instructions on joining GenderLine and the other restricted-access sections. Discreet support community for TG people of all kinds. Message board, conference area, data library, archived discussions, fiction.

NEW WOMEN'S SUB-BOARD: (301) 317-1868. 24 hours.

PASSING FANCY: Alexandria, VA (703) 765-6290; 300/1200/2400 baud, 8N1.
Computer Bulletin Board Service. Both a public and a private section. The private section is available for subscribers. Answer "SYSTEM ID" prompt with "FANCY", to access to public section.

IXE BBS: Indianapolis, IN (317) 784-6975.
Users must be registered with the Adult BBS before access will be given. Upon access type <J> then <I>.

GDANC: SYSOP Denee Efird, P O Box 721, Albemarle NC 28002. (704) 639-1914, 1N4.
Running 24 hours, TV/TS files, message section, and more.

TRI-ESS BBS OF ATLANTA: Atlanta, GA. Two lines: (404) 922-2414, (404) 785-9216; 300/1200/2400/4800/9600 8 bit, NO parity, one stop bit.
Available to all involved or interested in TG community, including SOs. Conferences on CD, TS (AEGIS), adult fantasy, shopping, etc. Sign on with pseudonym and answer "TRIESS" at the password prompt for immediate access. Available to all free of charge.

CAROLYN'S CLOSET: Minneapolis, MN; (612) 891-1225; 300/1200 baud, 8N1.
Computer Bulletin Board: Totally free. A very nice, user-friendly board with some very nice user-written fiction and stories.

THE DIVA CONNECTION: Chicago, IL: Free, open board. (708) 416-8894.
Computer bulletin board devoted exclusively to members of the gender community. Leave and receive messages, down load picture files and fiction, and upload your tasteful picture.

LIFETIME: Chicago, IL: (708) 438-1901. 300 thru 14.4K Baud 8N1.
Support, information, E-mail for the entire TV/TS/TG community. Free 24-hour board. Message/Conference sections, Gender-related File areas. Sysop Denise Peters. New users sign on and then leave message to Sysop for acces to private gender area. Full coverage of activities of Chicago Gender Society and Chi Chapter, Tri-Ess. Current happenings in Chicago, Southern Wisonsin, NE Indiana metro area. If you are a Tri-Ess or CGS member, give membership number for access to member bulletin area.

PUSS N BOOTS: Richardson TX Board phone (214) 437-0688 node 1 (1200-28,800 baud) all nodes.
Support BBS for gender issues. 24-hours/day, seven days/week. Access free to gender community. Mention *Tapestry* in your log-on questionnaire and leave message. Let SYSOP know if you live full time. TGnet available with echoes New-Women, New-Men, Transition and more. Also latest AIDS/HIV information. SYSOP Aaron Davis.

THE OTHER SIDE: Boulton & Park Society, San Antonio, TX. (512) 545-4888; M-F approx. 5pm - 6am CT, most times on weekends; suggest 8N1; 300/1200/2400 baud.
Electronic mail and information exchange with Boulton & Park Society. Some text files available for public download. For access to The Other Side, leave private E-Mail to SysOp with request. Security level mormally upgraded within 24 hours. User names are kept confidential.

FEMINET: (408) 648-8887 2400baud, or (408) 648-8734 14400 baud V32b, 8-N-1, located in Monterey Bay, California
Most active BBS exclusively serving the gender community, central hub of TGNET, the international network for TG people. Over 1000 non-fiction files for TGs, 2000 gender fantasy stories, over 1000 TG GIFs, software for IBM, all TGNET echomail forums, selected FIDONET echomail forums, semi-private mail functions, netmail, special personal contact features. Library is kept up to date. Log-in to line 2: (408)

648-8887 with your name and personal password on the DIGICOMPUTRONICA section. Once logged in, read the announcement and general screens until reaching the first menu, and press P. When asked for a validation code, reply with KEY. Financed with contributions. Line 2 basic access id free. $25 yearly for additional line 1 and full library access. $100 for maximum lifetime multiline access. Special arrangements available for international callers,or those with donations.

CROSS-CONNECTION: Los Angeles, CA; (818) 766-TV/TS (766-8887).

Connecting the Gender Community 24 hours/day. 300/1200/2400/9600 v.42bis N/8/1, 4 lines. News and information, games, chat, e-mail, personals, TV/adult library, free community public service and information areas. More! Two week demo with discreet sign up.

TerraNet BBS: Accessible via PC Pursuit-CASAN node in Santa Ana, (714) 248-2836. At the main AEGIS menu, use the B (no quotes) command. The command is not visible on the screen, but is active. NO parity, 1 stop bit, Full Duplex.

Hours of operation: 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Electronic bulletin board serving the gender community and PWAs (Persons with AIDS). Southern California gateway to the TRANSITION, NEW_WOMEN, NEW_MEN, TRANSGENDER and POLIGEND echoes of TGnet and AIDS/ARC echo, part of FIDOnet. Users receive 30 days full access as new users. Then it is $30/year. Provides one of the largest full-text databases on gender and AIDS-related issues. TerraNet is an outreach service of J2CP Info Services, P O Box 184, San Juan Capistrano CA 92693-0184.

RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION: RGA, P O Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170. (408) 248-4162, 1200-2400 baud 8N1.

Non-profit Computer Bulletin Board Service. Gender community support. Two levels of service: public and private. SYSOP Michelle Stevens. First time users should have a private code word ready that you can remember. Public section is used by spouses and significant others.

MYTH'S REALITY: Anchorage AK (907) 338-2869. 300/1200/2400/9600. 8N1.

Electronic bulletin board and information service for the gay, lesbian, and transgender community. Teleconferencing, forums, "Sig info," games, and much more. Easy to follow menus. Sysop access approval in writing. Coded pass-word access upon approval.

TRANSGEN:transgen-request@brownvm.brown.edu

Electronic mailing list in mail or digest form. In support of transgendered issues, emphasis on transsexuality. No fee. Like cd-forum. Internet access is required. Archives available. Anyone may join the list, but must be screened by the moderator before joining. Posts to the list are not confidential. No requirement to post.

TRANSITIONS BBS: Las Vegas, Nevada, (702) 366-9663 , 300/1200/2400 Baud. 8N1.

Board dedicated to helping people during transition. All messages can and may be read by operators. For private area access, leave private E-mail to Sys-Op Ryane with request stating sexual/gender identity. Aliases allowed. Real names/addresses kept confidential.

IN FRANCE: TOOT*EON+RETURN, or TOOTSIE+RETURN, or PSEUDONYM NANCY US+RETURN, TRANS+RETURN, to dialogue, 1+Return. Contact: Jeanne, tel and FAX (331) 69 46 14 29.

IN GERMANY: TRANSWORLD: +49-5551-1568 (inside Germany (05551) 1568), 2400-19200 MNP5, 8N1, online 17:00-7:00h. 24 hours on weekends MEZ.

Totally free. First German BBS catering exclusively to the TV/TS, mainly German language, large files library, support areas for TV and TS, up-to-date calendar. New users should send a private letter of introduction to the SYSOP.

COMMERCIAL & PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS & SERVICES

JOURNAL OF GENDER STUDIES: Outreach Institute, 405 Western Avenue, Suite 345; South Portland ME 04106.

The official publication of the Human Outreach and Achievement Institute, it is published twice a year, and subscriptions are $16.00 per year.

TAPESTRY PUBLICATIONS: Box 367, Wayland MA 01778; (617) 899-2212; FAX (617) 899-5703.

Tapestry Publications is a division of I.F.G.E. The *TV/TS Tapestry Journal* is I.F.G.E's primary publication. We also publish and market a wide variety of how-to books, presentation transcripts, anthologies of pertinent reprints, directories, and other timely material. Tapestry Publications is designed as the gender community's own publishing house.

FEMINA SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND: Ms. C. Deering, P O Box 1873, Haverhill MA 01831.

Matriarchal society that teaches surrender to a Feminine Authority as a positive spiritual experience. Emphasis is on feminised males. Non-sexual educational programs, newsletter -*Femina, the Voice of Feminine Authority*, audio training cassettes, annual retreat, workshops, rituals, and networking. Elaborate application process including a waiting period during which postal studies are undertaken as a postulant.

ROSEBUDS: TCNE, Inc., P O Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483, (617) 891-9325 (Tues,7-10pm, EST).

Rosebuds is the monthly newsletter published by the Tiffany Club of New England, Inc. It includes personal growth articles, and other non-sexual non-fiction about gender issues. Advertising is accepted. Subscription $25 per year, $4 sample issue. Mailing list is confidential.

BAD ATTITUDE: P O Box 390110, Cambridge MA 02139

This magazine is called *Bad Attitude* because that is what women who take their sexuality into their own hands (so to speak) are told they have. Subscriptions $30/year, $6 for single issues.

TV-TS CONFIDENTIAL: c/o Ms. Abby M. Greene, P O Box 6211, W. Franklin NH 03235

This newsletter is for those who crossdress for reasons known only to them.

ROXY'S ELECTROLYSIS: Roxy's, 234 Warren Avenue #2, East Providence RI 02914.

Permanent hair removal for males and females.

FEM FASHIONS: 9 W 31st St, #7R; New York, NY 10001, 212-582-6823 (after 3pm).
Muriel Olive, Director.

Clothing, makeup, lingerie, makeovers. Call for appointment.

CREATIVE DESIGN SERVICES: Box 61263, King of Prussia PA 19406; (215) 640-9449.

A commercial concern marketing a line of products and services for the TV/TS Community. Publish *Art and Illusion: A Guide to Crossdressing* and *LadyLike Magazine*, sponsors "Paradise in the Poconos" weekends in May and September. Mailing list strictly confidential.

LA FEMINIQUE: 1218 W. Broad Street, Suite 570, Falls Church VA 22046; (202) 686-2992; Judy Guerin, Editor.

A bi-monthly newsletter dedicated to all aspects of the crossdressing and TV world. Includes editorials and feature articles, makeup and dressing advice, interviews, profiles, and more. Mailing list strictly confidential.

CHRYSALIS QUARTERLY: AEGIS, P O Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033

The official publication of the American Educational Gender Information Service, Inc. For both consumers and caregivers. Theme-related issues explore topics in depth. $36 for four issue subscription.

☎ (404) 939-0244

THE TRANSSEXUAL VOICE: Box 16314, Atlanta GA 30321.

A newsletter written by and about TS.

CORSET DIGEST: CD, Dept. 174, 4514 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, Atlanta GA 30338.

Monthly newsletter for wearers, collectors, and connoisseurs of elegant foundation garments.

BLOSSOM C. PASTER: 28417 Trident Court, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543 (813) 973-0987

A private setting where CDs can take their wardrobe, wig, and makeup questions. Peer counselling, problem solving, dressing, electrolysis, and makeup advice by a longtime professional member of the Gender Community.

TV/TS CONNECTION: The Connection, 2197 S. K.K. Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53207

Monthly publication of personal listings. Available by subscription only.

***CHANGING MEN*:** Editorial Office & Subscriptions, 306 N. Brooks St, Madison WI 53715.

An international magazine dealing with the issues of gender, sex, and politics.

SCD PUBLISHING: 1401 Melrose Ave., Minneapolis MN 55426-1843

TV/TS publishing house. Publishes *TV/TS Talk* bi-monthly for members and supporters of the TV/TS Community. *TV/TS Talk* is modeled after the Penthouse Forum, but deals exclusively with gender related issues.

TRANSSISTERS, The Journal of Transsexual Feminism: c/o Davina Anne Gabriel, 4004 Troost Avenue, Kansas City MO 64110

Non-profit quarterly magazine on issues of transsexuality from a femininst perspective. Designed to promote dialog between the TS and feminist communities and to foster feminist consciousness within the TS community. Sample issue $4.50. One year, four issues, $18. Outside USA, Canada, Mexico, $4.75 & $19. Make checks, money orders payable to Davina Anne Gabriel. Write for advertising and wholesale rates.

HELP ME . . ACCEPT ME: Dallas Gay Alliance Center, 2701 Reagan Street, Dallas TX 75219.

Publication about gender issues, sponsored by the Metroplex CD Corporation.

PARTNERS: P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163

Formerly the *original WACS Newsletter*. Now expressly for couples in the

transgender community. Samples $3, four-issue subscription $12. ☎(210) 980-7788

GENDER REVIEW: P O Box 126, Arvada CO 80001
A newsletter for the professional presenting a timely report of current publications concerning issues of gender and crossdressing. ☎(303) 423-9885

FtM NEWSLETTER: 5337 College Ave #142 Oakland, CA 94618
Quarterly, longest continuously running, widest circulation for female-to-male TV/TS/SO. $15.00/yr. minimum suggested donation. $20.00 International. Professional subscription rate, $25.00.

DRAGAZINE: , P O Box 691664, West Hollywood CA 90069.
Published two or three times a year. *Dragazine* is designed to appeal to those that enjoy the art of crossdressing, either as the audience or the Drag Queen that's teaching your children first grade. $5.95 for single issue, $10.95 for two-issue subscription, as they are published.

CROSS-TALK: P O Box 944, Woodland Hills CA 91365, (818) 907-3053. Kymberleigh Richards, Managing Editor & Publisher.
Monthly 40 page magazine (non-sexually oriented). Operates News Services section of Cross Connection computer bulletin board system. News items of concern to the gender community, highlights of tabloid press, editorials/reader letters, make-up and fashion tips, significant others' column, original comic strips and humor column, national event and hotline listings, *Transvestia* reprints, JoAnn Roberts' *HotBuzz*, reviews, and feature articles. Mailed in plain brown envelope.

THE CROSSDRESSER'S QUARTERLY: John Moran Photo-Graphix (JMPG), P O Box 7217, Burbank CA 91510-7217.
News, events, photographs, fetish fashions, shopping resources, personal & vendor & club profiles.

TRANSFORMATION: P O Box 459, Orange CA 92666
News, events, photographs, fetish fashions, shopping resources, personal & vendor & club profiles.

B. R.CREATIONS INTERNATIONAL: P O Box 4201, Mountain View CA 94040
Custom-made Victorian corsets by mail order. Bi-monthly *Corset Newsletter* starting its 11th year. $18 per year US and Canada, $24 overseas. Color brochure of corsets available $5. Brochure and recent newsletter $7, overseas $6/10. It is best to have the corset brochure before calling to discuss corset measuring or to order a corset. ☎ (415) 961-5354 phone and FAX, Ruth Johnson.

GENDERFLEX: c/o Billie Jean Jones, 3430 Balmoral Drive #10, Sacramento CA 95821.
Newsletter about all kinds of gender issues. Distributed free in person. Back issues available. Does not accept advertising. Accept interactive submission,s letters, articles, opinions, jokes, poems.

TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON: Distribution Director: Ms Patricia Fisher, P.O. Box 293 Cote des Neiges P.O., 5858 Cote des Neiges Blvd, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3S 2S5.
A newsletter for and about the transsexual inmate.

THE CANADIAN CROSS-DRESSER: 161 Gerrard St. East, Toronto, ONTARIO M5A 2E4.
Bi-monthly non-sexual magazine for and about CD, TS, FI, DQ. Includes articles, news, short fiction, poetry, and personal ads. Request subscription information.

NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND: P O Box 7421, Ottawa (Vanier), Ontario CANADA K1L 8E4, (613) 749-5203.
Periodical about a variety of CD issues.

BOY'S OWN: FTM Newsletter, 376 Upper Brook street, Victoria Park, Manchester M13 0EP ENGLAND.
Periodical publication. Write for more information.

BOYS WILL BE BOYS: BWBB, P O Box 5393, West End Bris, AUSTRALIA 4101
Bi-monthy publication for FTMs.

POLARE: P O Box 266, Petersham NSW AUSTRALIA 2049
A quarterly publication for people with gender issues.

TRANSCARE: The Minorities Trust, POB 2983, Wellington New Zealand.

TARTAN SKIRT: ADF Editorial Services, Tullochvenus House, Lumphanan, Aberdeenshire AB31 4RN,SCOTLAND
Scottish quarterly magazine for the gender community. Contains factual self-help and first person articles on the how, when and why of CD & TS.

LES CHEMINS DE TRANS: c/o Belgische Gender Stichting, Pluimstraat 48, 85000 KORTRIJK - B, BELGIUM
Bi-monthly newsletter about gender issues by members of the gender community and helping professionals.

TRANSFORMATIE: P OB 13500, 2501 EM, The Hague, Netherlands
Information and discussion magazine on transvestism and transsexualism.

ANT TRADING COMPANY: 4F Daisan Kosei Building, 3-27-3 Kamazawa, Sumida-Ku, Tokyo 130, Japan.
Publisher of *Queen* Magazine, Japan's premier cross-dresser's reference guide. Single-copy and subscription prices vary with exchange rates.

LIBRARY & INFORMATION SERVICES

SEX INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES: SIECUS, 130 W. 42nd St, Suite 2500, New York, New York 10036; (212) 819-9770, FAX (212) 819-9776.
SIECUS is affiliated with the Department of Health Education of the School of Education, Health, Nursing, and the Arts Professions of New York University. Deals with all sexual issues, including gender expression.

NATIONAL TRANSGENDER LIBRARY & ARCHIVES: AEGIS, P O Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033
Repository for print, film, and electronic material related to crossgender expression. The collection includes books, unpublished manuscripts, film, journal articles, clippings, videotapes, personal papers, pictures, playbills, etc. Focus is on North American materials. The library is housed at AEGIS Headquarters and is open by appointment. Access to personal papers can be limited by the donor. Materials circulate only by special arrangement. We are actively soliciting material.
☎ (404) 939-2128

THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY GAY AND LESBIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY: SFBGALHS, Box 42126, San Francisco CA 94142.
Reference library for lesbian, gay, and transgendered persons. Large periodical collection of Bay Area and California titles preserved for research.

MUSEUM OF INTERNATIONAL GENDER IDENTITY: c/o IGTA, 1 Bank Buildings, School Green Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, PO4P OAJ, United Kingdom.
Collection of artifacts related to the transgendered throughout history and the world. Seeking free will donations of statuary, books, magazines, paintings, photos, badges, buttons, banners, etc. We seek modern and industrial items from the subculture: girl masks, prostheses of all sorts, false eyelashes, cache sexes, etc. Also seeking Oriental, Latin American, Pacific Island and Northwest African anthropological/archaelogical items, statues of dieties and from male-actress theater.

TRANSGENDER ARCHIVE: Dr. Richard Ekins, Trans-Gender Archive, University of Ulster, Coleraine, Co. Londonderry BT52 1SA, Northern Ireland. (0)265 44141, Fax: 40903, Telex: 747597.
A non-profit academic research and study facility. Seeking both group and personal deposits related to every kind of Transgender regardless of sexuality or self designation of gender identity: TV/TS/TG/GT/CD, Gender Bender/Blender, Drag (all kinds), Newspaper cuttings, magazines, group journals, photos, sound and video tapes, records, artifacts of history and living history. Publishes *Archive News* a newsletter and news agency with three purposes: (1) To provide news for transgender groups and publications, (2) To inform the transgender community of the progress of the Archive, and (3) To help the Archive improve its deposits.
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RESEARCH

TEENAGE CROSSDRESSING RESEARCH PROJECT: Sheila Kirk, P O Box 367, Wayland MA 01778-0367
Long-term research project being conducted by a physician, a Boarded Specialist in OB-Gyn, with a research background. Parental approval required. The security of each teenager and his parents is a paramount consideration.

DREAMS OF THE TRANS-GENDERED RESEARCH PROJECT: Elke U. O'Donnell, PhD, 43 Roberts Rd, Cambridge MA 02138
Psychotherapist with a Jungian background researching dreams of transgendered people. Anyone willing to contribute material, please write or call. Confidentiality guaranteed.
☎ (617) 876-6489

If there are any newsletter titles, corrections, additions or deletions from this present list, please mail them to

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PERSONAL LISTINGS

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1) To provide a means of introduction, outreach, and communication for subscribers to the TV/TS *Tapestry* Journal and Supporters of I.F.G.E.
2) To provide readers with a source of support and communications.
3) To provide the general public with a better understanding of the nature of the people who are members and supporters of the Crossdressing/Transsexual Community.

WHO MAY PLACE A PERSONAL LISTING:

To place a personal listing you must be an up-to-date General Subscriber (or an IFGE Supporting Member). As a subscriber, your personal listing is free of charge for the duration of your subscription. Also, your mail will be forwarded at no cost to you.

HOW TO PLACE A PERSONAL LISTING:

Fill out the form on the back of the subscription form. Please note that there is a limit of fifty words for the text. Your ad may be edited for length and for taste. Please be discreet. Also, note that we will only publish addresses that are Post Office box numbers as part of the ad. No home addresses will be published in the Personal Listings. The last number after your name is the last issue of TV/TS *Tapestry* Journal you will receive on your subscription.

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2) Please follow these intructions when answering an ad:
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   (B) Pencil in the name, state prefix, and membership number appearing after the name. (Be sure to use pencil so the name can be erased.)
   (C) Include $1.00 (for postage and handling) for each piece to be forwarded.
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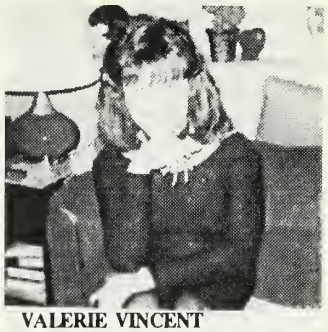
SUSAN A. (MA-P-M0064-K0206-71)
Member Tiffany Club of New England. WM, 5'7", considered passable. Interested in TV literature and clothing, especially lingerie. "Would like to correspind with others with similar interests."

JANICE H.
(E MA-P-M0254-K0109-72)
Member TCNE, Tri-Ess. Participant Fantasia Fair. Divorced WM, 69, 5'6", 155, blue eyes, brown hair. Goes out as Janice shopping, eating at restaurants, visiting other TVs. Makes friends, but is on the quiet side, writes to many other TVs. "Will answer all letters. Would like to take hormones and live full time as a woman."



VALERIE VINCENT
(E MA-P-M0273-K0122-70)
Centerfold in the *Transvestian*. 5' 10", 170, long hair, wear nails 1½ inches long. Pre-op TS. "I write to all TV/TSs, women who find the TV/TS scene interesting."

HOLLY CROSS
(MA-P-M0279-K0188-99)
TV, senior citizen, 22WT. Lots of clothes, old ham gear, some money, no job, live alone. "Have attended 60 weekends and 750 concerts dressed since 1983. Wish I'd started sooner. Don't need correspondence, but often need someone to share a hotel room."

AUDREY M.
(E MA-M0280-K1855-69)
MWM bi-TV, 57, 155, 5'10", nice, intelligent, well adjusted, sense of humor. Enjoys current events, music, sailing, photography, woodworking. Writes TV stories. "Would like to have a few TV friends for casual get-togethers; freedom limited to weekdays 9-6."

TRACY MACARTHUR
(MA-M0504-K0106-69)
Member Innvestments. WM, TS, 5'6", 146, blonde, blue eyes, on hormones 4 yrs. "Enjoy dating, lace, lingerie, camping, cosmetology. Dressing as a woman and being feminine is my goal. Like intimate times by candle light. Letters from passable TGs, women welcome. Photo please. Need roommate on S. Shore, Cape."

EVE B.
(E MA-M0508-K0107-71)
Member Tri-Ess. Now retired, somewhat handicapped by spinal arthritis. Enjoy dressing at home for relaxation and pleasure. "Friend of Ariadne Kane, and Virginia Prince visited in my home some years ago. Often invite members to be my guest in a pleasant, suburban home."

HEATHER ANDERSON
(E MA-M0661-K7401-71)
Member TCNE. M CD with TS inclinations, brunette, blue eyes, 44, 5'11", 130. Interested in music—classic to rock, cooking, running, computers. "I am looking for friends who want to let their femininity blossom. I used to go out in public years ago and am once again working towards that goal."

JUDITH ANNE THOMPSON
(E MA-P-M0733-K0229-71)
Member INNvestments. Widowed WM CD, 70, 5'9", 180, retired, good listener, honest and intelligent. Passes well. Likes photography, sailing Hobie Cats, gardening, good music, living as Judy. "Like contacts with CD in SE MA for companionship and to share like interests."

SUSAN ELIZABETH R.
(MA-M0839-K0055-72)
SWM TV, 59, 6', 180, brown hair, hazel eyes. Interested in photography, treasure hunting, '40's and '50's music, dogs, nature, and being a lady. "I would like to correspond with other girls in E. Mass., especially Metro-West area."

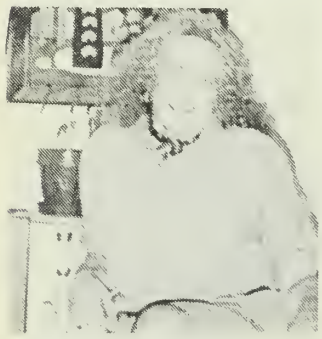
SUE FANON
(W MA-P-M0983-K0020-71)
SBiWM TV, 38, 5'10", 160, easy going, clean, understanding, safe, and sincere. Interested in dressing up & being feminine, travel, music, & friendships. "I am a novice who would like to correspond with other TV/TSs and understanding women to help improve my femininity, passability, etc. Honest relationships considered."

MICHELLE LANGE
(E MA-M1008-K0071-72)
MWM, 45. "Enjoy the domestic scene

from the servant's point of view. Would correspond with others who enjoy the same. Collect and write stories on experiences and fantasies, and would like to share them with others who enjoy this lifestyle. Correspondence must be light, fun, and interesting. Please, no S&M or B&D."

ARLENE SUSAN L.
(E MA-P-M1648-K0121-69)
Member of TCNE. MWM hetero TV, 51, 5'10", 205. "Love dressing completely as a woman, going out and developing the ability to pass in public and blend in to the feminine world. Married; wife not supportive. Interested in TV friendships who are sincere and have same interests."

JOANNE D.
(E MA-M1776-K1939-71)
"Have opened up to my wife of 25 years, but it is still difficult to talk when she doesn't ask questions. This lifelong passion demands expression. Need to communicate with anyone in Portsmouth, NH area. Please write! PS I can laugh, too!"



MARGARITA AMANDA R.
(E MA-P-M1815-K1964-71)
Participant Coming Together '90, '91, '93, Be-All '88, '89', 90, '91, Texas 'T' Party '90, '91, '92, '93, Esprit '92. Single, 5'10", young looking and thinking. Interested in geography, history, science, photography, classical music (including opera), camping, hiking, cooking, gardening, canning, dancing, softball, feminine attire, riding the Boston T crossdressed, skiing, and PEOPLE. NON-SMOKER. Live alone on North Shore of MA. "WRITE--I'll eventually answer."

MARIE ALLEN
(E MA-M2729-K4412-71)
5'9", slim. Interested in feminine things, see below. "After makeup, and before a wall length mirror, I sometimes dress from the skin out in my own personally designed pure silk lingerie, and then don a filmy silk dress. Seeing myself become an extremely happy silk-clad woman enables me to attain an incredible sense of peace and joy."

JOANNA LOUISE EDLONS
(MA-P-M1873-K2163-71)
WM hetero TV, 61, 15/16, Spring Fling '90, '91, Fantasia Fair '93, IFGE volunteer since 1990. "Suffered greatly until coming out in 1989. Still carry scars. Live alone, can dress at will. Need friend/confidant to share femme times. Prefer ctl MA area. Write newsy letters if you only want to correspond. I need exposure, how about you?"

DIANA S. DWYER
(MA-P-M2146-K2539-70)
"I am placing this ad because I am need of positive, honest support. I am not interested in sexually obsessive individuals. I am 27, a light drinker, and a non-smoker. I'm involved in psychotherapy for my transsexual feelings as well as my abusive childhood. If interested, please write."

DEBBIE SAWYER
(MA-P-M2170-K2590-69)
"Caring and nurturing CD, love high fashion, but am learning everyday feminine appearance. Seeking the spiritual and emotional side of the transgendered experience. Would love to meet understanding and supportive women. Active in building our community, advocating a political agenda that builds human and civil rights for the gender community."

JENNIFER M.
(SE MA-P-M2585-K3754-69)
35, 5'10", WM, bi-TV, TS tendencies, brown hair, brown eyes. Interested in meeting others. "Have been crossdressing since childhood. Enjoy being feminine. Would like to hear from TV/TSs. Send photo and phone number so we can get together. Will return all letters."

KAY LEE (MA-M2787-K4481-71)
MWM, late 40's, dressed all my life. "Wife knows. Tolerated, but not in her presence. Hobbies are sailing, camping, hiking. Physically fit, 6', size 20. Love heels, earrings and everything in between. Why are women the only ones who can wear skirts?"

JOAN RYDER
(E MA-M2841-K4747-69)
Member TCNE. 37, 5'11", 150. Dates intelligent, caring, old-fashioned gentlemen who enjoy dining, theatre, and the finer things in life.

MICHELLE J.
(MA-M4172-K9093-71)
MWM with TS tendencies. 6', 185 and losing. Interested in computers, golf. "Wish to meet other TS/TV for help and understanding as wife doesn't participate. Love to dress in short skirts, heels and everything feminine. Thank you for helping me out of the closet."

DENISE S. (MA-P-M3049-K5807-70)
Member TCNE. CD, 42, 5'8", 140. Shy, gentle, loves nature, gardening, walking, tennis. "Coming our step by step. I invite you to join me to share support and friendship. Is the understanding and acceptance of this duality a spiritual path? Will share living space with compatible person on North Shore."

ANONYMOUS M.
(MA-M3277-K6457-71)
6', 210, WM, 32. Interested in sports and travel. "Would like to meet transsexual for long-term relationship."

SUZANNE HAMILTON
(MA-P-M4006-K8683-70)
45, WBiM, 160, 5'8", TV, 160. "My love is to spend every free moment modeling and shopping for evening gowns and wedding gowns. I'm looking for a friend to share these moments of happiness. Each day I come to enjoy the new person I am, and would love to help you find that person in you. My fantasy is to be the model for a full photo layout of the blushing bride."

CAROLYN K. WEST
(MA-P-M4028-K5999-71)
TCNE, AXA, DAV, VFW, NALC. 5'5", 135, narcissist, transcendentalist; and cheerful feminine essence in a comportable masculine vessel. Interested in music, travel, home-making, dressing and engaging public nearly 100%; offering discreet photography, modest bed & breakfast, and secure social interaction. "Single and date. Await the arrival of Prince Charming, irrespective of his gender."

VICTORIA ANN A.
(MA-M4174-K0360-72)
Member of Sunshine Club. 35, 6', brown eyes and hair, TG. Interested in photography, music, shopping, movies, girl talk, cooking, sewing, dancing, and quiet times with someone special. "Would like to

meet others to explore friendship and femininity. Please write, will answer all."

ROBERTA STANLEY
(MA-P-M4064-K8798-71)
TCNE, 5'8", 155, size 12, brown eyed brunette, married with children. Enjoy skiing, sailing, SCUBA, reading, correspondence and indulging my femininity by dressing up to dine out, shop, etc. "Lifelong CD, cautiously emerging, eagerly learning, loving every minute. My goal is to be an attractive lady obviously enjoying her femininity."

JAMIE STRONG
(MA-P-M4618-K10154-70)
Mid-30s with understanding girlfriend. "Reaching out for the first time for help from other couples to find my way in genderland."

LOLA B. (MA-M4624-K8302-69)
"I would love to meet other TSs in Central Northern Mass. Have been dressing since childhood, but only recently taken serious steps towards really being a woman. I am 45 and will only spend the rest of my life as a woman. Many varied interests."

CARRIE ANNE CHRISTY
(MA-P-M4663-K10320-70)
Lifelong CD, 5'6", 142. "Enjoy people, my passability, exercise, travel, dancing and modeling. Value honesty and dependability. Love wearing silk stockings, heels, diamonds and cocktail dresses to occasions such as the theatre. Seek friends in central MA and NE."

EDIE H.
(NW MA M4743-K10491-70)
Member TGIC, Sunshine Club. Hetero CD, 49, 5'11", 190. "Still mostly in the closet since my apprehensions still outweigh my enjoyment of being in public. Enjoy the sensuality of lingerie, silk, nylons, and perhaps some light, friendly bondage. Supportive wife. Non-smoker. Deeply into hunting, fishing and related writing and photography."

RHODE ISLAND (027- 029-)

ANDREA K.
(RI-P-M1771-K1934-71)
5'10", 155, brown eyes, long brown hair, semi-androgynized. Interested in SF, investing, metaphysics, dressing up full time like a woman, movies, video. "I am willing to meet other TV/CD/TSs and talk about lingerie, high heels, hosiery, makeup, and being a full-time woman, to be known as a woman, and treated as one."

GWENDOLYN ALYNNA SPENCER
(RI-P-M2207-K2655-70)
Participant Coming Together. 5'9", brown hair, blue eyes, volunteer at IFGE office. Interested in reading, history, sailing, dancing, camping, and martial arts. "Like long walks on the seashore and in the woods. Interested in contacting other Wiccans. Also starting a support group in RI."

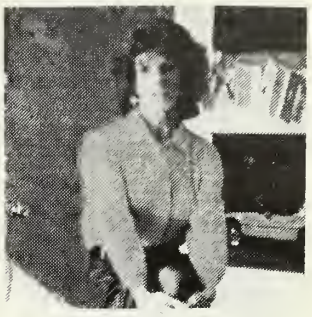
ALISON YOUNG
(RI-P-M4650-K10273-70)
5'11", 170, blue eyes. Interested in sports, history, films, rock 'n' roll, art. "I am coming out. Would appreciate any advice and friendship."

STEPHANIE J. HARRINGTON
(RI-P-RI-M4680-K9681-70)
Applicant to Gender Identity Clinic. 42, 6', 145, 34AA-26-35. Legal name is Stephanie. "Seek other TSs for friendship, also real women to help me pass better. I live full-time as a woman. I work in jeans. My boss and co-workers know about me and transsexuality."

NEW HAMPSHIRE (030- 038-)

A. M. GREENE
(NH-P-M0731-K0277-69)
Silly post-op female transsexual. Interests are computers, reading, music and all things feminine. Editor of the *TV-TS confidential* newsletter.

KELLY JEAN DOMOUNT
(NH-M4423-K9669-69)
WM 5/10", holding at 39. Medium build, brown eyes and hair. "In love with dressing and being who I was born to be. Interested in gardening, fishing, shopping, and TV literature. Passable 'NOT.' Need a tuck here and there. Will correspond with TV/TSs, men and women who find our community interesting."



KIMBERLY ANN C.
(NH-P-M4243-K5161-71)
Divorced TS, 150, 10/12, mid-40s. "Workout regularly. Want and willing to help CD/TV/TS who take honest pride in themselves and what they do. Not the best, only the best I can be. Looking towards writing pen-gals from all over country. Please write. Will return promptly, exchange discreet photos."

CAREY CLARKE
(NH-M4441-K9688-72)
Co-Founder of GT North support group in southern NH. "Early stage TS trying to re-arrange my life. Happy to meet and talk with any gender-challenged persons. Interested in computers, bicycling, Tai Chi."

MAINE (038- 047-)

JEAN CHURCHILL
(ME-P-M3729-K0164-73)
Member Tri-Ess, Transsupport. MWM, 39, 5'8", 127, 12, hetero CD since age 3. Wife tolerant, but non-supportive. Out since October 1992. Vegetarian, don't smoke/drink/drug, spiritually inclined. Interested in outreach and education about TG, transcendental meditation, theatre, creative writing, fine arts, architecture/interior design, solar technologies, being feminine, making friends, socializing, corresponding.

JANET M. (ME M1697-K0313-72)
Older CD who is at ease with self and

would enjoy socializing with others. Likewise ladies close to area.

LYNDA ANNE V.
(ME-M3007-K5262-69)
Member TransSupport. Interested in writing, classical music, singing, romantic novels, flowers, boating, shooting, and swimming. "TranSupport and publicly speak on gender dysphoria. Have crossdressed since early age, often out in last thirteen years. Seeking girlfriends in mid-coast area or lower ME with whom to correspond, dress and/or travel."

MARGARET E. C.
(ME-P-M3764-K8224-72)
Member Transsupport. MWM, CD, 5'5", 140, brunette (most of the time), 14. Professional, advanced degree, interested in aviation, military history, historical reenacting, vintage clothing, traditional crafts. "Have loving, wonderful, understanding wife. Been dressing since age 10. Love soft, elegant dressing. Secure in masculine life with much feminine incorporated. Would like to hear from others in northeast and NB.

CATHERINE B.
(ME-M3945-K8512-69)
STV/TS, 40s, 5'10", 150, brown hair, blue eyes. "Lifetime TV. Love to go out dressed, but hard to do here. Enjoy camping, hiking, woodworking, and carpentry. Would like to find employment as caretaker, maintenance and housekeeper. Looking forward to developing TS body, mind and spirit. Seek friendship, relationship with TS, GG."

JESSIE B.
(ME-P-M4039-K4282-70)
Divorced TG, 40s, 5'8", 160, br/bl. "Live at home as a woman. Typical Piscean—very worldly, very spiritual. Love the Buddhist goddess Tara. Enjoy corresponding and tasteful mail. I'd love to hear from women, TG/TS/TVs."

VERMONT (050- 059-)

HELENE H. (VT-P-M2021-K2488-69)
Member Sunshine Club. "Like to hear from other ladies, especially those in the northeast who want out of the closet, help, or advice. There are more of us in this neck of the woods than you think. Come out wherever you are."

MARCIA M. (VT-M4760-K10702-70)
MWM. Late 40s. "Wife totally supportive. CD since early teens. Out of closet for about 2 yrs. First public outing this month. Looking for pen pals to share experiences and possibly meet socially. Still shy for photo at this time. Member of Sunshine Club. Will respond to all."

CONNECTICUT (060- 069-)

CARLA E. GOLDSNIDER
(CT-NP-M0212-K0374-72)
SWM, hetero, 5'10", quiet, understanding, lives alone. Enjoys dressing as a female, meeting TVs and especially females for girl talk, etc., and country music. "Would like to meet a couple who enjoy going in public with me. Others say that I pass very well. Would appreciate photo with first letter—which I will return."

ANDREA G. (CT-M0425-K0357-71)
Married, 51, 5'11, 170. Interested in sports, good food, reading. "Would like to develop friendships in the crossdressing community, welcome correspondence."

DARLENE S. ROSS
(CT-M0838-K0390-70)
MWM, mature hetero CD, 5'8", 170, 20, retired, passive. "Lifelong CD, nonsupportive wife. Enjoy all things feminine, especially shoes. Not passable, could be with practice and opportunity. Like travel, sports, reading. Enjoy corresponding with sisters of similar interests."

MICHELLE KAY
(CT-P-M1490-K0368-70)
Member Tiffany Club, Connecticut Outreach Society. SWM, hetero, TV, 5'10", blue eyes, light brown hair, early 50s. "Quiet and sincere. Enjoy cross country skiing, music, theater, and travel. Looking for honest, caring, feminine crossdressers for correspondence or possible get-togethers."

CAROLE STEPHENS
(CT-P-M1799-K1954-71)
Member Tri-Ess, COS. Attended Poconos '90. 56, 6'1", 190, hetero MWM, wife understands. Interested in aviation, outdoor sports, crossdressing/shopping, writing TV stories. "Outplaced exec looking for business that can include CD interests. Enjoy realistic CDs. Want to meet CD artists to illustrate TV fiction. Like to help emerging CDs, lower Fairfield, Ct. area."

RACHEL F. BOYCE
(CT-M1903-K2205-71)
Member Tiffany Club, CT Outreach Society. Participant Tiffany's P-town Outing, Fantasia Fair, Coming Together. 6'2", married, 2 adult sons, wife supportive. Interested in music, dancing, dining, shopping, and movies. "Love to dress for shopping at major malls. Have attended movies, theater and restaurants while fully crossdressed. Will answer all."

LISA M. (CT-P-M1828-K0352-70)
SWM hetero TV, 41, crossdressing since age 5. Interests include performance art and photography. "I am putting together a project on crossing gender lines and would like to receive advertisements with double meanings for crossdressers, such as, 'Gentlemen prefer Hanes!' (Personally, I prefer Liz Claiborne.) Please send me any ads you have found."

ANDREA STEVENS
(CT-P-M3214-K6216-70)
Member COS. Hetero CD, 5'8", 155, mid-40's. Happily married. Wife aware, tolerant. Interested in competitive cycling and running, reading, golf and skiing. "Been dressing fully since early 20s, just beginning to experience the best this life has to offer. Looking forward to helping others and attending some outings in the near future."

JACKIE ELLIS
(CT-P-M3301-K6560-70)
Member COS. WTV, mid-40's, tall and slim, passable but shy. Loves to go out dressed and take photos and videos. "First love is dressing up. Like to correspond swap photos, and meet others."

JENNIFER CARSON
(CT-M3221-K6240-70)
SWCD, 24, 5'8", 135. "Can pass if I keep my mouth shut. Cute both ways. I am looking for a long-term relationship with an understanding TS/GG. Me: caring, honest, and supportive. You: 18-26, under 5'9" with a good heart. Non-smokers and drug free, Please!"

MARIANNE GIBSON
(NW CT-P-M4331-K5757-72)
SWM TV, 5'10", 165, blue eyes, long lashes, recently out and happy. "Very shy, but happily feminine. Love classical music, painting, quiet times, non-linear thinking, and catalog shopping. A photo and a nice letter from other TV/TSs, especially in my region, would be very special. I would hope to respond."

KATRINA "KATE" B.
(SW CT-NP-M4335-K9016-72)
MWM, hetero, TV/TG, 5'7½", 180, 65+, 18. Retired educator, supportive wife. Outings: movies, shopping, nature walks, restaurant. Passing: cautious, discreet, incognito. "Enjoy the feeling of fulfillment when as Katrina."

STACI H. (CT-P-M4520-K4199-69)
Member COS. Statuesque 6'2" CD with supportive spouse. "When my wife caught me wearing her Maidenform, she ran out of the house to buy me my own! As a woman in a previous life, Staci traveled around the world in a USO troupe during World War II. Nuts about heels."

BILLIE K. (CT-P-M4673-K10349-70)
Member COS. 50s, 5'10", 155, MBiWM. Interested in golf, auto racing. "I'm easy going, like to meet other sisters. Like the feel of nylons and sexy lingerie. Have been out some. Travel limited. Looking for help with finishing touches of my makeup. Write with your tips and pleasures. Will answer all."

SUSAN SINGER
(CT-M4848-K7792-71)
Member: Human Race, Cross Gender Community, Tri-Ess. WM/F, 30s, CG/TS, rather born/live female life style. Attracted only to Biological Females. Interests: photography, BBSs, publishing, graphics, occasionally dressing as preferred female gender. "Like to hear from sincere and honest CD/TSs for possible non-sexual correspondence, friendship, support."

NEW JERSEY (070- 088-)

JULIE C. (NJ-M1460-K0452-69)
MWM, 5'10", 30's, brown hair and eyes, thin. "Love dressing pretty, especially in high heels. Enjoy music and meeting others like me. I also enjoy travel, especially P'town. Would love to go out more, all I need is a little encouragement. My wife helps as much as she can, but a friend would help a lot more."

TERRY M.
(NJ-P-M2400-K3206-70)
Member MOTG, Renaissance. Attended Poconos weekends, Autumn Accords. 5'8", 39 forever, brown hair and eyes. Interested in early music (Medieval Renaissance era), bluegrass, philosophy. Am active in 12-step recovery group. "Happy to be out of the closet and involved in our community."

KIM JOHNSON
(NJ-P-M3037-K5279-69)
MWM professional person. "Crossdressing for as long as I can remember. Wish to correspond with others for mutual support. Interests include sports, family, computers. Want to become more self-accepting."

PAMELA G.
(NJ-P-M3070-K5682-69)
MWM, 22T. "Lifelong CD. I particularly enjoy the styles of the '50s and '60s, but anything with ruffles and lace will do. Someday I'll look JUST LIKE Donna Reed. Enjoy writing and swapping photos. I'd like to meet CD/TS/GG from Bergen, Passaic or Rockland County."

BABS C. (NJ-P-M3219-K6211-70)
Member Tri-Ess, Eulenspiegel Society. Attended Paradise in the Poconos. MWM. Supportive and understanding loving wife. "Enjoy fine art, music, standard bred horses, tennis, and of course going out and doing everything en femme. Starting electrolysis. Began shy and submissive, developing confidence. Like to hear from married TV/TSs."

PORSCHEA ANN P.
(NJ-P-M3297-K6553-71)
Member MOTG. 130, size 9, young, brown eyes and hair. TS on hormones and evolving into what was meant to be: a pretty woman. "I enjoy spending time with my friends dancing, shopping and fashions. Starting to pass and it feels great. Correspondence welcomed."

KAREN KEYES
(NJ-P-M3309-K6595-70)
Member Renaissance. MWM, TV, 40s, 5'11", 175. "Married TV with supportive wife. Attend monthly meetings of Renaissance. Attended TCNE First Event '93, '94. Attractive and feminine when dressed. Wish to meet other TVs for friendship and socializing. Open minded. Can travel. Photo appreciated. Plan to attend a number of weekend events each year."

JANE T.
(S. NJ-M3487-K7209-70)
MWM, hetero, 6', 195, 50. Closet inhabitant. Interested in crossdressing, corsets, rubber, B & D. "Into manufacturing B & D gear. Will write to all!"

ARLENE THIEL
(NJ-P-M3777-K8249-69)
Attended Poconos Week End, Be All.

160, 5'10", SWM TV. "Mature professional, live alone. Only hobby is being as feminine as I can be. Love to share girl-to-girl experiences with other TVs. Love to entertain, but also free to travel. Just drop me a line."

STACY JOANN RICHKUS
(NJ-NP-M3870-K3467-69)
Member Metropolitan Gender Network. Taoist-Zen-Pagan-Transsexual. Editor *City Lights*. Love nature, reading, writing, dreaming, music, film, Tai Chi, growth, poetry, guitar, History, walking in the woods, Shakti Gawain, Transgender Activism. "Bright moon: I/stroll around the pond-/hey, dawn has come." (Basho) Follow your bliss.

MARILYN MASTERSON
(NJ-P-M3949-K8508-69)
MWM, bi, 5'11", 34, educated, shy, full-figured. "New girl on the block and would very much like to learn and experience more about this wonderful lifestyle. Love everything feminine and sexy from short skirts and heels to sexy lingerie and teddies. Want to correspond with others and make new friends. Discreet letters with photo will be answered with the same."

DIANNE WHITE
(NJ-P-M4025-K5217-70)
Member MOTG. 59, 5'11", TS on hold. Slim figure, nice legs. "Love dressing stylishly and provocatively. Spike heels, minis and black nightgowns were made for me. Feel the same? Good, let's chat. Love corresponding. All subjects from I need a pat on the back to plain girl talk. All letters answered."

CAROL ANN LEE
(NJ-NP-M4245-K9528-72)
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Nu Rho (VP), LIFE, CDI. M, hetero, 50, 5'9", 160, supportive wife. "Dressing since a tender age. Travel en femme. Enjoy going to concerts, dinner, etc. Correspond extensively, but can never have too many friends. Will exchange letters and photos with those of similar interests. No SEX letters"

CHRIS C.
(NJ-P-M4266-K9042-71)
SWM CD, 27, 5'6", 125. CPA. Enjoys outdoors, movies. "Interested in meeting a single genetic female for companionship. Possible long-term relationship."

DENISE B.
(NJ-P-M4471-K8267-69)
MWM hetero CD, 37, 5'7". Interested in shopping, cooking, being feminine, being outdoors, computers and boating. "Have been dressing for as long as I can remember, and can pass in public. Looking for friendship, someone to talk to and help develop the feminine side."

JAN DIANA N.
(NJ-M3908-K4840-72)
MWM, hetero, 55, 6'1", 200, blue eyes, TV border TS. "Wife has known for years, but is neither supportive nor accepting, which pains me. Have crossdressed since age five with mother's support. Still in closet. Feel very feminine when dressed up like the person I want to be. Will reply to all letters."

RACHEL TAYLOR W.
(NJ-NP-M4609-K0453-71)
Tall, slender non-op M-F TS, quite passable, long auburn hair and greenish eyes, living P/T as female. Interested in art, antiques, cooking, gardening, music, shopping, travel. "On hormones, constantly working to bring forth the woman within. Seek friendship, sharing with TSs, females, also help to complete transformation. Referrals most welcome."

KATHLEEN M.
(NJ-P-M4719-K10436-70)
Member TV/TS Northern NJ. "Just recently came out and loving every minute of it. 35, 5'6", 140. Active in photography and music. Would be willing to help my sisters with photos. Love being a girl, look forward to meeting other girls like me. Looking forward to hearing from you."

DIANE DAVIES
(NJ-M4859-K10477-71)
MWM, 36, 5'11", 165, CD. "Just out and having fun going out. Wife accepts, not ready to participate. Spend a lot of time on the road and would like to hear from all over. It gets lonely, but it is fun with the right people. Need help, but pass okay."

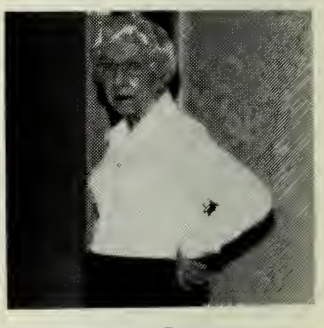
NEW YORK (090- 149-)

BONNIE HOWARD
(NY-M1186-K0655-71)
Size 10, TG businesswoman. "Single, well adjusted woman who carries herself with pride and confidence. Silks and suits or shirts and sweats. Welcome to my world."

FRANCINE C.
(NY-M1584-K0631-70)
Member EON. 5'10", 185. Interested in outdoors, reading. SWM. "Love the total feminine look. Interested in corresponding with all, especially in south central NY and northeastern PA."

WINNIE BRANT
(N NY-P-M0228-K0582-70)
Member Tiffany, Tri-Ess, TGIC. Awards: Miss Fantasia Fair. CD, 60+, 6'2". Many interests. Scientifically and culturally oriented. "Have attended many CD events. Very busy as president of TGIC, but will try to answer any correspondence."

CAROL TAYLOR
(NY-NP-M0428-K0617-72)
MW, lifelong, dedicated. Goal to maximize femininity in body, comportment, apparel, accessories, etc. Originated, "Breast Plan," a free, safe, easy, non-hormonal breast enlargement process. Write for instructions. "Natural 34C, 14/16, forty-something, sensuous, shaved, open-minded, clean, discreet, helpful. Enjoy corresponding, photoswap, meet."



CONNIE TAYLOR
(W NY-P-M0434-K0657-71)
Member Tri-Ess, Phoenix Society. MWM, elderly, hetero TV, 5'5", 125, supportive wife. Likes clean-cut clothes and tall heels. Loves to correspond. "If you need somebody to talk to, just write. I really do reply to all letters promptly."

ANGELA S.
(W NY-P-M0719-K0615-71)
Member EON. "We are a very special and gifted people. I am proud to know all my friends who are transgendered, and wish them all a pleasant journey on their chosen paths, and all my love."

DELORES M.
(SE NY-P-M0808-K0555-72)
Member Chi Delta Mu (past president), LIFE, Serenity. Attended Fantasia Fair, Poconos W/E (1st runner-up, Miss Poconos), Coming Together. Married, middle-aged, 5'10", engineer, lifelong TV. Interested in fashion, photography, classic bebop, science, sailing, biking, tennis, autos, and being outdoors. "I love the fun part of the scene, and derive a lot of pleasure from it."

VICKIE STONE
(SE NY-P-M1035-K0559-71)
Divorced, 45, hetero, attorney. Has been crossdressing entire life, and out since 1982. Besides crossdressing, enjoys writing, singing, song writing, and plays bass guitar. Enjoys skiing, long walks. Only dates women who accept Vickie. Former editor, *Lifelines,* former member LIFE, Chi Delta Mu. Does reply to correspondence sooner or later, usually later.

VICTORIA LOUISE NORRELL
(SE-NY-P-M1960-K2390-70)
"I am beautiful for I am me, I am Victoria and I love life. I am totally energized by living feminine and I am very proud. Class and dignity are my life and tho' I can never be a woman, I will never be anything less than a lady. If you write, I will answer. To all I wish peace . . of mind . . of spirit . . "

KATHERINE H.
(NY-P-M2073-K2139-72)
Member of TGIC in Albany. Attended Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, Coming Together in Pitts & Philadelphia. 6', brown hair, post-op TS, college student. "Love music, humor, Broadway poetry, writing & corresponding, talking, being a woman."

JOANNE S.
(NY-NP-M2375-K3117-70)
"Fifty-something living in upper Westchester County. Dressing forever, and so far have one foot out of the closet, but would love to get at least an entire leg out. Wife non-supportive, but I get by. I'd like to meet compatible sisters in the area, but will answer all."

JULIE ANN C.
(N NY-M1695-K0610-70)
Member TGIC, Albany, NY. Attended Fantasia Fair '78, '88-'93. Hetero CD, 54, 5'9", 183. Interested in family, hiking, camping, SF. An over-all outdoors country girl.

JUDY H.
(NY-M1920-K2200-70)
Member of LIFE. 43, married. Interested in military history, SF. "Looking for a friend to talk to, work on improving image, etc."

STEPHANIE LYNN
(N NY-M1744-K1907-71)
DWM, 43, 5'9", 185. Strong TS feeling since early childhood. "Love the professional look: pumps, dresses, hosiery, etc. Would like to dress and get out more in the Southeastern NY area."

JENNIFER B.
(LI NY-P-M2441-K3429-71)
MWM, mid 40's, 5'9". Interested in metaphysics, psychology, reading, fashions. Trying to become computer literate. "Wife supportive. Seek meetings and correspondence with TVs/TSs who have a love for lingerie, corsets, feminine costumes and bondage fantasies. Am basically a caring sensitive person."

VERONICA MARTIN
(N NY-P-M2482-K3564-70)
SWM, hetero CD. "Enjoy the prissy girly dressing up in full petticoats, square dance, and party dresses. Looking for the one understanding gender woman in my life."

STEPHANIE JENNIFER W.
(NY-M2732-K4399-71)
Member of Tri-Ess.

KATRINA E. RYAN
(NY-M3817-K6258-69)
Member Rochester CD Network. MWM, 5'10", 240, BA degree. "I enjoy photography, model RR, cooking and corresponding. A wonderful world of beautiful people and experiences have helped me greatly to discover much about myself and happiness. I hope to continue my personal journey and growth with the help of others, meeting, sharing and having fun."

MICHELLE MARTIN
(NY-P-M2834-K4740-69)
W NY single TV, 28. Interested in fashion, music, friendship, passing. "Life-long TV. Caring and understanding. Starting to get out more as Michelle. I enjoy corresponding with others and making friends."

SHARON ANN STUART
(NY-P-M2848-K4761-70)
Member Lambda Chi Lambda, Tri-Ess. Attended Dream, '70s, Miss Congeniality 1976. Vice Chair IFGE Board of Directors, Member of International Conference on Transgender Law, Director of Military Law Project and Bill of Gender Rights Project. Married, 6', 165, 53. "CD since age four. Out since 1968. Go out often. Enjoy writing fiction and poetry."

NANCY ANN HOWES
(W NY-P-M2851-K4777-72)
Member Rochester CD Network. MWM with supportive wife. "Lifelong CD. Femme likes: lacy slips, makeup and perfume. Other likes: Hollywood, music and sports. Will do my best to respond to letters. NO SEX LETTERS. Let's talk girl talk!"

KATHY LORRAINE
(NY-P-M2974-K5110-69)
Member Tri-Ess, Buffalo Belles, Rochester CD Network. Formerly Denise A. Miller. 45, 5'13", life-long CD. "Came out last year. Working on appearance. Conservatively dressing businesswoman who also loves to golf. Glad to help beginners needing moral support. No sex letters. Any other tall ladies' clothing besides Penney's and Lane Bryant?"

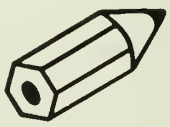
BRENDA VEE
(LI-NY-P-M3089-K5695-73)
Member: LIFE/Board of Directors. Fantasia Fair '93. SWTG, 44, socializes as a woman. "True 'gender jumper' who loves life and all its people. Learning the meaning of daily self-expression. I love shopping, dining, fashion and makeup, and dress well. Looking for pen-pals, friends, outings, sincerity. F to M, too!"

JANICE G. (NY-P-M3316-K6587-71)
Member CCDC, Rochester CD Network, Erie Sisters, Buffalo Belles. Fantasia Fair '91, IFGE '92, Be All '92, '93. Buffalo area, S CD, 41, 5'6", 150, enjoy getting together with friends, or going out alone. Not passable, but haven't let that stop me. Interests: *Star Trek,* Sci-Fi /fantasy, astronomy, hiking, U.S. history, music."

SHARON HAYES
(NY-P-M3292-K6543-71)
MWM, hetero, CD, 5'7", 155. Interested in music. "Now retired. Wife supportive. We are looking forward to attending our first event together."

ANGELA MARTIN
(NY-P-M3252-K6426-70)
Member CD Network. SWM, forty-something. Lifelong CD. "Wrote and published, *Remember Hercules,* positive thoughts for CDs. Creative Viet Nam era Veteran. Actively working personal growth program."

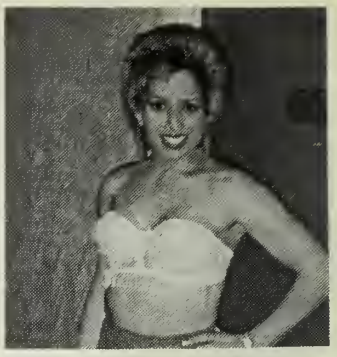
JEAN TAYLOR
(NY-P-M3375-K6723-71)
Member CDI, LIFE. Attended Texas T '92. Married, CD/TV, 50's, 120, 5'6", with tolerant, understanding wife. Interested in SCUBA, skiing, shopping, and dining en femme. "Love to make and meet new TV friends all over USA & Canada. Can travel to meet & love to correspond and swap pictures."



JOANN S. (NY-P-M3455-K7096-71)
Attended Fantasia Fair, Tri-Ess convention in Chicago. Retired, hetero, live alone, dress as often as I like, sometimes for weeks at a time. Interested in world travel (travel every chance I get), photography, fine dining. "Would like to hear from people who live near me on the eastern end of Long Island."

MONIQUE DEVEREUX
(NY-P-M3609-K7691-72)
Member of LIFE. 5'10", 160, 30's. Single. Active in NYC and LA area. Active on Compuserve CB & Genderline. "Love going out everywhere and anywhere, especially shopping, dining, the theatre, clubs, and dancing. Especially interested in meeting understanding women, but will correspond with all."

VICKI MILLER
(NY-NP-M3674-K7974-72)
30s, 5'10", with participating fiancée. "Love elegant antiques, gowns, vintage clothes, satin, velvet, Spandex to career wear, making videos. Seek submissive maids to worship their queens, and others who aspire to royalty, too! Hope to start club soon."



JIOVANNA ALEXIS TOWERS
(NY-NP-M3678-K7998-70)
Member MGN, AEGIS. Attended Moonlight in Manhattan '93, '94. Unique, ultra-feminine, open-minded, eccentric Sagittarius. Bi/pre-op TS, 5'7", 135. On hormones, SRS in '95. "Enjoy corresponding with pre-ops and dedicated TVs. Host get-togethers in my home. Enjoy glamour, modeling, astrology, Club Edelweiss, Madonna, frank feminine womyn, muscular men, pushing the envelope."

JODIE H. (NY-NP-M3700-K8044-73)
"Let the good times roll! Love doing clubs, malls, museums, or whatever! Married 23 years and having a ball doing it together. Have met many super people. Look forward to meeting many more. Let us know your favorite spot. See you out there! Have a great day!"

JAYNIE JILL G.
(NY-P-M3776-K3786-69)
Member LIFE. 5'11", 12/14T. "I enjoy writing girl talk to my sisters about life, adventures, clothes and being more feminine. My travels take me around the US and overseas. I'd like to share with you as others have shared with me. Hobbies include writing a column in *Lifelines,* music and being more feminine."

ERICA H. (NY-NP-M3937-K8489-70)
President Long Island Femme Expression, Managing Editor, *LIFELINES*, contributor, *Renaissance News*, member, Connecticut Outreach Society, contributor, *Outreach News*. Very single, Transgendered-pretty-passable. Countless public outings, modeling-nightclubs, beauty pageants, polo, tennis, aerobics, world-class shopper. Welcomes correspondence nationwide. "Life is worth living—get on with it!"

CAROL M. (NY-P-M3982-K1297-70)
TV, 43, 5'11". Interested in skiing, sailing, outdoor sports, travel, Broadway plays. "Looking to expand my TV identity. Will travel and correspond to others with same interest. Send letter with photo."

DANIELLE IANELLI
(NY-NP-M4085-K7847-74)
"Am considered shy, but have many good qualities. 32. Strong TS tendencies, enjoy my feminine side. Dress up as often as possible. CD since age 4. Love to travel, take in a ball game, read a good novel and strive for total feminization. Want to make friendships within TV/TS community."

JULIE MILES
(NY-P-M4131-K8924-70)
SWM, 24, 6', 150. "I enjoy reading all forms of literature, especially those about TV/TSs. I love sports and music. Very interested in shopping, passing, and all things feminine. I love to correspond and exchange photos. I try to answer all as quickly as possible. Buffalo area."

TAMMIE ANDERSON
(NY-P-M4141-K8935-71)
Born 5/25/43. Married, two daughters. Teacher of math and computers for 28 years. "Have secretly dressed around the house since preteen, but only since joining Tri-Ess have I ventured out in daylight. I work around the house: gardening, repairs, construction. The computer is my hobby. Will write back to anyone."

TINA A. (NY-P-M4215-K7354-71)
Member TGIC. Attended Provincetown Outing '93. 52, 5'3", 145, white hair, blue eyes. Divorced TV living in both genders. Performing folk/jazz musician, writer, cartoonist, motorcyclist in both genders. "Caring about people, including yourself, is what it's all about. The rest is props and stage setting. Answer all sincere letters."

ELIZABETH B.
(NY-P-M4248-K3480-72)
Single, 49, 5'7", hetero. "Interested in finding female companionship and TS friends. I am pondering about starting hormone therapy. Will gladly respond to all letters. Please include your photo."

CATHERINE L.
(NY-M4359-K3186-70)
Member Connecticut Outreach Society. MWM, 6'2", 41, hetero CD. "I have been dressing since teens. Came out five years ago. Don't pass too well, but I do go shopping dressed. Would love company or talk on all things feminine. Wife knows but is not supportive."

CAROL LEE
(NY-NP-M4457-K4432-72)
Member NY Gender Alliance. TS, mid40s, 5'10", 162. Interested in movies, shopping, board games, dining out. "Would like to meet other CD/TSs, passable in NY, NJ or CT, or understanding woman who enjoys the above. Prefer articulate, intelligent individuals."

ALEXIS B. YOUNG
(NY-P-M4466-K9156-69)
Member LIFE. Early 40s, S, 5'10", 135, brown hair, hazel eyes, with feminine figure. Interested in music, movies, electronics, dining, nightlife, walks, and bicycling. "Would like to correspond and meet with serious TV/TSs for girl talk and possible long-term friendships in local areas of New York City and Long Island."

JACKIE B.
(W-NY-P-M4501-K9737-69)
Member Nu Phi Chi. 6'0", 42, blue-eyed blonde, long legs. "Like soft music, fishing, being my femme self. Educated, lifelong TV. Would like corresponding with others with the same interests. Love dressing up on the wild side. Exchange photos and experiences. Seeking TV/TS in my area. Please send photo."

ASHLEAH P.
(NY-P-M4638-K10232-70)
SWM, 25, new TV/TG feelings, not passable, but trying!"Looking to meet new passable TV/TG/TS & GGs. Made first appearance on my 25th birthday. Have been emerging more and more each day! Like to meet others to help me pass. Into computers, BBSs, flying, and being feminine. Please send photo with letter."

MICHELLE D'SATIN
(NY-P-M4649-K2352-70)
5'6", 135, green eyes, TS, on hormones and electrolysis. Interested in movies,

music, dancing, fashion, makeup, modeling, photography, architecture and design, and woodworking. "Seeking kindred spirits—TVs, TSs, and women—for correspondence, conversation, shopping, dining, friendship and mutual support. Love rainy days by the fire, glass of wine, spring flowers and fall colors."

LISA I. (NY-NP-M4671-K10346-70)
Member MGN. MWM, 5'7", 142, 9, brown eyes and hair. Very passable. "Enjoy shopping, dining out, movies, plays. Love to party and dance. Looking to meet others who enjoy same. Women and men looking for lasting relationship should reply. Looking to meet others from Westchester area."

SUSAN PARKER
(NY-P-M4706-K10407-70)
Member EON. Syracuse, 43, 5'8", 160, brown eyes. Married, yet very bi. "Have attended various conventions and conferences on crossdressing. Enjoy crossdressing, shopping, theatre, late night dinners, partying and dancing. Would like to correspond with similar interests. Discretion is guaranteed."

LEN N. (NY-M4693-K10378-70)
"Attractive, slim, 51, open-minded WM seeks hermaphrodite for friendship, conversation, and possible relationship. I am a non-sexist incurable romantic with varied interests."

KELLY C. (NY-M4742-K10490-70)
5'10", 170, 37. Interested in hunting, fishing, cooking, and many other things. "Wife is aware, but does not support. Would like to meet others in Glenn Falls area to help take me out of the closet."

CANDY N. (NY-M4762-K9213-70)
SWM, 40, 6', with supportive girlfriend. Interested in theater, music, and cooking. "Enjoy high heels, short skirts, hosiery, and lingerie. Dress as often as possible, and daily under masculine clothes. Looking to meet others. Will answer all letters."

FRAN ESTES
(NY-NP-M4870-K9111-71)
Member Lambda Chi Lambda, Tri-Ess. Attended Be All '93, '94, Holiday En Femme '92, '93, '94. Married to accepting wife. "In closet since child until six years ago. Came exploding out. Dedicated to helping others, educating public. I dress as a dignified, mid-aged lady. Will correspond and exchange photos."

CLAUDIA TURNER
(NY-NP-M4875-K9887-72)
SWM, 29, 6'4", 209, hetero CD. "I'm slowly trying to emerge from the closet. Maybe some of my fellow sisters out there can help? I love sports, movies, music and fashion. My favorite TV show is 'Designing Women.' Love to do photo swaps with glamour/fashion-conscious CDs."

PENNSYLVANIA (150- 196-)

ROBIN FREY
(E PA-P-M0932-K0729-71)
Member Renaissance. Pre-op TS on hormones 5 years. "Would like to meet and settle down with Mr. Wonderful and become a housewife. I'm very neat and clean. Need financial help for surgery. Will work off loan. Can relocate. Love sun-bathing, boating, hiking and cuddling."

ALISON LAING
(E PA-P-M1242-K0733-70)
Founding member Renaissance Education Association, past National Managing Director, now Director-at-Large, Chairperson of the Congress of Transgender Organizations, Chairperson of the Outreach Institute of Gender Studies, Director Fantasia Fair '92, FanFair Miss Congeniality '86, Ms. Fantasia Fair '92, IFGE Site Selection Chair. Conduct voice workshops, wrote *Speaking as a Woman*.

REBECCA SUE M.
(PA-P-M1357-K0711-72)
"Retired professional WM mid-sixties, a long time CD now coming out of the closet. Love being feminine. Looking for person who is can provide a safe haven for several hours in daytime on a monthly basis in the suburban Philadelphia area so I can dress and in privacy. Will generously compensate that discreet person."

MARYANN KIRKLAND
(E PA-P-M1531-K0450-70)
Member Renaissance Education Association. Attended IFGE '90-'93, Renaissance Woman of the Year, '90. MWM, early 40's transperson. Wife is supportive. Interested in public outreach, college speaking visits, television shows, newspapers, personal letters. "Closets are for clothing, not people. If you would like to make this statement a fact of your life, write to me and my supportive wife."

HARRIETT N.
(PA-P-M1623-K0668-70)
Member TransPitt. "Recently reached Big 50! May try gray wigs soon. 6'1", 14T. Hope to own Tall Girl Shop someday. Enjoy out of town meetings for shopping and fun. Like to pass, but also enjoy erotic and exotic clothes and TV tales. Collecting books and will trade."

JENNIFER WHITE
(W PA-P-M1722-K1880-71)
Member TransPitt, Paradise. Participant: 'Be All'. 5'10", 170, brown hair, green eyes. Interested in sports, fashion, writing, photography. "Looking for males for escorts, CDs for shopping, going out, etc. Nothing bizarre, please."

CRAIG SAMSON
(E PA-P-M1977-K2548-69)
SWM, 6', 35, with dark hair and blue eyes. "I am a masculine and well muscled male. I own a small construction business.

Seeking that special TS for a true and caring relationship. Will also respond to very feminine TVs. Please reply with photo. Will try to answer all."

BETH STEELE
(PA-M1031-K0663-71)
Member of Transpitt, Crossroads, TCNE. Attended Be All, Spring and Fall Provincetown Outings. Tall, thin, dressy, good talker. Interests dressing up, going out, dinner, mall shopping,, making friends.

ROBIN F.
(W PA-P-M2020-K2429-69)
SWM, mid-forties, 6', 180. College educated professional. "Enjoy dancing in petticoats and twirling my full skirts. Also like showing off my legs in minis and heels. Fascinated by CD fantasies and would love to explore these with other TV/TSs. There is something very sensual about lingerie, silk and nylons."

VERONICA MARTIN
(PA-M2482-K3564-70)
SWM hetero CD. "Enjoy dressing in full petticoats and square dance dresses. Love to go square dancing. Interests; meeting understanding women. PS: Barbara (GG), you left out return address in letter."

PHYLLIS JEAN W.
(W PA-P-M2770-K4563-71)
Member Transpitt. 5'11", late 30's, 160. Interested in painting, drawing, guitar, shopping. "I appreciate letters from my sisters, try to reply to as many as I can."

MICHELLE DOUGLAS
(SE PA-M2623-K3889-71)
MWM, 40, 5'10", 185. Enjoy fine lingerie, satin dresses, and high heels. Married to accepting and helpful wife. "I'm a novice, and have never been out. Would like to correspond with other married couples concerning CD relationships."

KATHY STONE
(PA-P-M3345-K6619-70)
MWM, early 40s, 5'10", 12, blue eyes. Enjoy shopping, dancing and listening, current events, sports, and fashions. "I travel extensively and would like to meet sisters and older gentlemen who know how to treat a lady for nights out, dating, or simply talking and friendship. Please send photo for prompt reply."

ROCCANA DEFAZIO
(PA-P-M3383-K6784-70)
"I'm Rikki, a fun-loving TV. Adore sexy, silky, lacy underthings. Searching for those feminine inner feelings. Impassioned by posing for photos and video sessions. Totally into modeling, which I'd love to share with others. Drop me a line and ask for some photos, I'd be glad to oblige."

LISA MARIE M.
(W PA-M3829-K3485-69)
MWM, mid40s. Wife is supportive. "Enjoy music and all things feminine. A lifelong CD still working to accept myself. I appreciate letters from my sisters offering advice, help. Will answer all who write."

WILMA ANNE SILVER
(PA-P-M3388-K6832-70)
Single, retired, hetero CD. "Now have time to refine femme self. Looking for support in joining organization and attending social functions. Would like to find a female to enjoy best of both worlds."

KRISTINE JAMES
(PA-M3228-K6289-70)
Member CDI. When in New York City, come and visit CDI and Moonlight in Manhattan. I travel a lot, and would love to come and visit you in LA, SF, Chi, or elsewhere. Drop me a line and let's get together when you feel like party time."

SUZANNE L.
(E PA-P-M3736-K8202-69)
SWM, 5'10", 195, 52, hetero TV. Member Renaissance. Attends meetings. Nonsmoker. Loves nice dresses and heels. "Like to go malling and to the movies. Willing to support others who want to come out of the closet, day trips, etc."

MICHELLE POOLE
(PA-NP-M3813-K3861-69)
Passable SWTV, 35, 6'1", blonde. Loves everything about being female! Interested in high heels, makeup, leather and lace, photography and posing for the camera. "Love to hear from TV/TS/GG and men. Please include photo with letter."

KRISTINE HOLT
(PA-P-M4013-K7597-70)
Member Erie Sisters. DW pre-op M-F TS, full-time and legal. Writer, speaker, advocate, litigator. Involved with community organizations, local affairs, 12 step groups. "Seeking confidential correspondence and/or meetings with sisters traveling the same road to share the joys of this wondrous journey. Also men in NW PA."

KIM REDBURN
(PA-P-M4160-K8945-71)
Member Rochester CD Network. TS, 5'8", 155, brown hair, blue eyes. Interested in wildlife painting, nature, photography, collecting antique beer cans. "My wife has known from before we were married. We go out when I am dressed en femme often. Started dressing age 4. Wish to correspond with similarly interested people in north PA and southern NY."

D. McKAY
(PA-P-M4296-K8817-73)
Member TransPitt, Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together '93, Be All '94. 41, 5'11", 145, 10, very passable CD. Interested in helping others with femme image and mindset, and public awareness talks. W. Central PA area. "Will escort as male or femme shopping. Real Girls welcome for meeting,. Femme photo gets response."

PAULA J.
(PA-P-M4433-K9658-69)
Member CDI. SWM, Bi, 5'8", 150, 42.

Slim, attractive, passable. "Love all heels, nylons, short skirts. Have been dressing for years. Would like to meet with other TVs and gentlemen in the Allentown area. Will write or phone all who respond."

RACHEL PACE
(PA-P-M4487-K9704-69)
38, 6'3", 18, MWM, professional. "Dressing in private since age 15. Desire to express my feminine side is now overwhelming. Have decided to reach out for the first time. Very interested in hearing from the TV/TS community. Would like to develop sincere friendships for support and understanding. Please include photo."

ERICA EDWARDS
(PA-P-M4505-K9143-69)
Member Renaissance LSV, WCD, 42, 6', 175. Interested in history, SF/fantasy, military board games and all things feminine. Pass easily and often out in public. "Would like to correspond/meet fellow CDs. Enjoy dating tall, well-mannered who know how to treat a lady."

KAREN K.
(SE-PA-P-M4593-K9998-70)
Single CD, 6', 175, 16T, not quite out of closet. "Seeking a serious relationship with an attractive, understanding woman, or pre/post-op TS who would support my feminine side. Interests include fine dining, shopping, traveling, living as a she-male, glamour, theatre, boating, seductive fashions, makeup, high heels and all that is feminine."

DIANE DALE (PA-M4229-K7136-72)
Member Renaissance, TCNE, Innvestments. MWM, hetero, 40-something, 18. "Enjoy music, photography, and am an avid aviator. Wife doesn't know. Wish I could be Diane more than just a few times a year. Would love to hear from others in similar situations."

JESSICA BRANDON
(PA-NP-M4838-K7044-71)
Hetero SBM, 35, 6'2", 195. "Have been crossdressing for over twenty years, but out of the closet for only three. My image is that of a stylish, sophisticated lady, and I always dress like a classy career woman. I'd love to hear from sisters, especially crossdressers of color."

DELAWARE (197- 199-)

PHYLLIS VANETTA LARSON
(DE-P-M0931-K0742-70)
Gracious lady active in Tri-Ess, IFGE, Renaissance Mtgs. Photographed Tiffany Club's Awards Banquets '90-'94. Married over 45 years to an understanding, beautiful and gracious wife. Self-employed, often dresses in home and office, dines out dressed. Electrolysis completed in '84. Sails, Pilot, Churched. Resides in Southern Del. Letters answered.

SAVANNAH-JEAN DALTON
(PA-M4826-K4426-71)
Pre-op TS, 26, 5'6", 140, blonde, blue eyes. "SWF TRAPPED IN MAN'S BODY. New Sojourner, not yet courageous enough to dress in public. Needs sisters for friendship, guidance, one to hold hands with on this special journey."

LESLIE FAIRMONT
(N DE-P-M2425-K3335-70)
Member Renaissance. DWM, TV/TS, 12/6/40, 5'6", 135, blue eyes. "Pass in public. Attend 2 or 3 meetings per month. Seeking other sisters. Interested in all aspects of femininity. Intelligent, caring, imaginative person with sense of humor."

AUDREY J. STEELE
(DE-P-M2434-K3366-70)
Member Renaissance, Tri-Ess. "To all who have written, please forgive me, I just could not keep up. Thank you all! I come and go dressed anywhere, so I'm out there, and very lucky to have met the people of each organization. I hope I can and have been of some help to others."

JAMIE L. (DE-NP-M4880-K5911-72)
Fun TV who loves fun people. "Would love to hear from other TVs and TV admirers."

WASHINGTON, D. C. (200- 205-)

SHEILA K. (DC-M3810-K7721-69)
Married TV, 6'0", 48, 170. "Crossdressing all my life, although wife is unsupportive. Well-educated and well traveled. Will answer all who wish to correspond. Fantasy hope is to meet my mirror image, a bi sister interested in a discreet friendship."

KAREN ELIZABETH F.
(DC-M4500-K9734-69)
Slim, pretty, hetero WASP 33, TV/TS attorney, feminist. Interested in women's rights and politics. "Been crossdressing since childhood. I am female on the inside and love to dress accordingly. Would love to hear from other area *gender dysphorics* and possibly meet."

CHRISTINA FERRANTE
(DC-P-M2906-K4922-70)
SWM, 28, 5'10", 150. Sweet, shy yet sexy, enjoy stockings, bows, soaps and stuffed animals, very passable. "Interested in meeting new friends, writing and exchanging photos and stories."

ROSSLYN SMITH
(DC-M4803-K2781-70)
Hetero, SWM, CD, 31, 5'9", 155, still in closet. Nonreligious, non-smoking, non-drinking, shy, well educated. "Enjoy *Star Trek, Seinfeld,* and *Simpsons*. Interested in public policy, conservative on most nonsocial issues. Like reading, museums, and quiet evenings. Love cardigans and vintage clothes. Dress conservatively. Like in meeting understanding women."

MARYLAND (206- 218-)

CINDY HENDERSON
(MD-P-M1725-K0757-70)
She-male, 35, married. "Wife is very understanding and supports my feminine development. Am interested in writing, talking, meeting, and networking with all who enjoy and participate in the transgendered lifestyle. Wife would especially like to talk with females who are dating or are married to TVs."

NANCY ANN BURDICK
(MD-NP-M2046-K2444-73)
Member DCEA, WBA, Tri-Ess. Participant Fantasia Fair '90, '91, Poconos '92, Texas T Party '94, Be All '94. 5'9", 165, brown hair and eyes. Crossdressed since age 10. Now have complete wardrobe and dress part of every day. Enjoy being out in any activity. Love clean CD magazines and writing to nice CDs."

DIANNE FERN
(MD-P-M2229-K2673-69)
Member of Couples. "A mature TV with great interest in the transgendered lifestyle. Wife is very supportive. Enjoy jazz, walks on the beach, fireside talks, and small social get-togethers. Dress often. Wish to share gender euphoria with sisters and others who have an interest in our lifestyle."

MARY NEWMAN
(DC-M2226-K2671-70)
Member of TransPitt, TGEA. DWM, 47, 6', 180, TG living full time. Interests include reading, music, hiking, archery, fishing, shopping, personal growth. "Live with a very supportive significant other. Would like to correspond with others having like interests, and to make friends in the Baltimore/DC area."

DEE DEE HENSELL
(MD-P-M2329-K3026-69)
Member Kappa Beta. Divorced CD, 49, looking for woman who would like role-reversal in a relationship. I'd like to keep house and make a home for that special girl. Want to learn how to sew, and go to cosmetology school. Now living and working as a domestic. Like to meet and correspond with others."

S. G. (MD-M2847-K3353-69)
"At age 44 I have been a lifelong TV 'transgender fetishist.' Have an extensive library which I have maintained for 28 years—TV/TS material. Married with an understanding and supportive wife. Special interest in petticoat punishment and enforced TV. We love to make new friends. Please write!"

ELLEN MARIE ANDERSON
(MD-P-M3142-K4212-70)
Member of DCEA, Tri-Ess. 43, 5'9", 16, blue eyes, frosted (graying) dark brown hair, married to an extremely supportive lady. Love shopping, good food and wine shared with friends. "I love being out among my sisters, and meeting new sisters in my travels. I'm a slow but steady sorrespondent."

LAURA BETH B.
(MD-M3911-K8376-69)
42, 6', 180, M2F TS, retired surgeon, religious Jewish upbringing. Interested in personal growth, feminist issues and civil liberties, travel, investing gardening. Separated. Two lovely boys ages 9 and 6 now living in Israel. "Coming out slowly. Understanding and accepting myself deepens my appreciation of others."

LEANNE THOMAS
(MD-P-M4493-K9708-69)
CD, 37, 5'8", 150, professional pianist/composer. "Slowly emerging from the closet. Wish to correspond with and meet other educated, imaginative TVs for sharing our femininity. I'm empathetic, articulate, creative, and give of myself. Love to dress. Wish to pass and socialize. Will respond to all good letters with photo."

RACHEL WILLIAMS
(MD-M4544-K9775-69)
DWTS, 6', 165, 36. Attractive, well built and passable. Presently incarcerated. Non-violent victim of circumstance. A Lady, very caring, feminine and sensitive. Working on BA, U Md. Release in '96, at which time I start transition, SRS. Seeks genetic males for correspondence who are friendship/relationship minded. Will answer all."

KAREN ALEXANDRIA
(MD-P-M4645-K10254-70)
TS, 25, 5'10", 170. "Love to read, write, collect comic books, cooking. Very passable. Looking for sisters to start going out with. Will travel. Wish to share fantasies with all my sisters, especially those my own age. In closet. Start hormones August. Your letter and photo gets mine."

VIRGINIA (220- 246-)

CHRISTINA SMITH
(VA-P-M1868-K2176-71)
Member Tri-Ess, Virginia's Secret. 6', 185. Just turned 50. Enjoy photography, big band music, collectable records, cooking, and going out dressed. "Like to write other sisters. Forming new Tri-Ess group in Richmond. Like to attend Holiday En Femme or similar event."

LINDA C. (VA-M0703-K0784-70)
Member of Tri-Ess. 5'8", 150, MWM, hetero TV. Interested in women's fashions, gourmet cooking, photography, music. "Enjoy meeting and corresponding with other TVs."

SHEILA W.
(VA-P-M2276-K2832-69)
Member Virginia's Secret. 39, 6', 185, green eyes. Interested in photography, shopping, sharing stories, exchanging photos. "I'm friendly but shy at first. I try to be a good correspondent—not always successfully. Am getting out more as I grow in confidence. Always delighted to meet other CDs."

DEBBIE OGLE
(C VA-NP-M2095-K2493-72)
Biber Girl, Class of '92. 6'1", brunette, green eyes, fair skin. Bisexual. Interested in computers, sci-fi music. "Things have really opened up for me since my surgery, and just keep getting better! Love to hear from others."

KEMBERLY C.
(N VA-P-M2300-K2981-70)
Divorced, 5'11", lifelong crossdresser. "Dressed in secret for more than 30 years. Been out of the closet 8. Love my life. Can laugh at myself. Love to make contact with other Tvs. Enjoy shopping and being supportive of my sisters trying to come out of the closet."

DIANE PARIS
(VA-P-M2460-K3426-69)
MWM TV. Feels best when dining, shopping, at a disco or a piano bar with wife

and TV friends or couples. She's found that confidence gains respect and dignity from the public. She and her wife are always ready to help other Tvs or couples with the issues around this lifestyle.

SAMANTHA W.
(VA-P-M3052-K5630-71)
Member Virginia's Secret, DCEA. MWM, hetero TV, 70's, retired, 5'9", 165, 14/16. Interested in amateur radio, sailing, wood carving, bridge, classical music, ballet, dressing, shopping. "Suppressed TV from boyhood. Delighted to discover Virginia's Secret and IFGE. First chance ever to tip-toe out of the closet. Wife of fifty years not supportive. Welcome letters from other TV's."

MADELYN I.
(VA-P-M4581-K9982-69)
Member Tri-Ess. 6'3", 65, 220. Independent consultant. Travel a great deal. "Love shopping for feminine clothing, crossdressing, bridge and golf. Wife not supportive, desires no knowledge of Madelyn. Seek other CDs for correspondence, possible meetings. Answer all correspondence immediately with pictures."

JOANNE HIGGINS
(VA-M3498-K4443-69)
Member AEGIS, TGEA. Overweight, 5'10", M, 39, with strong TS feelings. "In therapy (a positive situation for a change) and recently started electrolysis. Formerly known as Michelle Hansen. Married to a loving but unsupportive lady. Interests include lesbian and feminist issues, Tom Clancy novels, chess, hypnosis and travel."

DAVE B. (VA-M4881-K5926-71)
Bi-MWM, 42, 6', 180, blonde, blue eyes. Considered handsome with a warm and friendly disposition. "Travel, US, Canada and overseas. Wish to meet a TV/TS who desires a special relationship. Full of fun and mutual respect. Photo with your response would appreciated."

DIANE VAN HORNE
(VA-P-M4730-K10459-70)
D, 33, 6'0", 160. "Want to meet discreet M/F/TGs for support and friendship. been exploring this aspect of my life for six months, have much to learn. Besides feminine interests, my hobbies include sports of all kinds, Broadway musicals, computer games, and playing cards. I'd like to form a pinochle/bridge club."

WEST VIRGINIA (246- 268-)

KAY LIGHTNER
(WV-P-M2435-K3374-70)
Married CD with highly supportive spouse. "We both enjoy being out in the community and have attended Be All and Paradise in the Poconos. Have recently started vacationing en femme and coming out to select straight friends. I am an avid sewer and cartoonist, and love to correspond."

ALICE JACKSON
(WV-P-M3876-K4442-69)
Member Trans WV. 60 years young. Active TG with supportive wife and daughter. "Love all aspects of femme life. Active impersonator in local clubs. Love to hear from all with similar lifestyles. Visitors are welcome if you travel this way. Please write."

DEBBIE LUCAS
(WV-M3393-K6841-71)
Member of Trans-WV. One of the founders of Trans-WV. "5'7", 40, brown hair, brown eyes, great sense of humor. Have understanding wife who helps me. I've been a TV all my life and I love passing in public. Would like to find more TV/TSs in my area."

NORTH CAROLINA (270- 289-)

FRANCES T.
(NC-P-M1245-K0823-70)
Member TVC, Tri-Ess. Participant Coming Together, Be All. Late 30s, 5'7", 140. "Pass very well. Enjoy shopping chatting with store clerks, beauty personnel, etc., who know me. Flew dressed to my last convention. Look forward to doing it again next year. Browse in women's magazines and dress catalogues. Not a good correspondent."

KATHERINE D.
(NC-M4128-K8921-71)
Married, professional, crossdresser. Interested in sports and fashion. "Kathy has been crossdressing several years, but is just now discovering her femme self. She is a new member of Tri-Ess. Her goal is to develop so that she may pass in public."

SUSAN WILLIAMS
(NC-P-M2363-K3079-69)
Member Tri-Ess. 5'8", 165, M hetero CD, 30. Interested in history, movies, dressing up, reading. "Very understanding wife. Have been out many times, but need more work passing. Hoping to get more involved with Tri-Ess."

STEPHANIE DULA
(NC-P-M2519-K3660-71)
Member TGA. 5'9", 22, TG. Interested in art, music, walking, outreach to others in our community. "Just enjoy being me. I am happily engaged to a wonderful, loving lady. Would like to hear from other couples in the Central NC area."

PATRICIA P.
(NC-NP-M3276-K6450-72)
"I'm 29, semi-vegetarian, a non-smoker, professional, and sincere. Seeking caring and sincere friends. Chemist looking for job leads in the adhesive coatings, laminates, environmental or PCB industry. Interested in music, the outdoors, hockey, mutual funds and gender issues."

DEBBIE N.
(NC-P-M3497-K7213-71)
Dual-gendered, sober, vegetarian 38 years old. Interested in art, philosophy, feminity. "My whole self is in metamorphosis toward its original nature. Corresponding with community dearly cherished."

JACKIE J.
(NC-P-M4048-K8273-70)
SWMCD, 40ish, 5'9", 165. "Lucky to have the gift of experiencing the best of both worlds. Thoroughly and equally enjoy the persona of Jackie and of her male counterpart. SO doesn't know. Interests are varied(*.*) Live in small town. In closet, but out SOON. Slow on corresponding, but will write, send picture."

PAMELA ROGERS
(NC-NP-M4235-K9428-72)
"This Carolina girl loves going out and cherishes time as Pamela, but derives her real satisfaction in helping others. Enjoy sending letters and photos to friends . Love humor of our TG community, proud to be part of it. Write soon! Eager to make new friends."

GINGER M.
(NC-P-M4313-K5509-71)
MWM, hetero, 42, 6', 175, blonde hair, blue eyes. Interested in dressing as Ginger, all things feminine. "After suppressing CD desires, have accepted Ginger as a big part of me. Intolerant wife limits opportunities. Semi-in closet. Been out twice. Want to write/meet warm, sincere TV/TS/CD to discuss feelings, techniques."

GINA WRIGHT
(NC-M4432-K9675-72)
"I am a white, Male-to-Female crossdresser. I live in Lexington, NC and would like to meet others like me. I am closeted and would like to remain that way. Also interested in meeting males and females who understand my lifestyle. Whites only, 18-55 years, please contact me. I am 34 years old."

EMMA S. (NC-M4864-K6443-71)
Single 35 CD with bi-tendencies, 6'2", 280 and losing. "Really just began dressing. *DEEP* in the closet. Family would not approve if they knew. Seeking discreet friendship and advice on CD. Prefer '50s glamour look, especially gowns, girdles, corsetry and cigarette holders. Major interests: history, RR, politics, clothing. Please write!"

SOUTH CAROLINA (290- 299-)

BOBBIE ANN B.
(SC-M2874-K4857-72)
DWM. hetero, CD, 36, 6'1". "Love dressing in hose, heels and lingerie. Dressing since age 8. Making progress, but still need help. Must be careful due to home situation. Would like to correspond with other TV/TSs and GG and maybe meet. Love girl talk."

GEORGIA (300- 319-)

KATHERINE ADAMS
(GA-M3737-8201-69)
MWM, 33, hetero, CD. "Wife doesn't know of my second half, and would not understand. Seeking correspondence, advice, discreet friendship. Wide-ranging interests: art, cinema, music, psychology. Love to dress in elegant corset and foundations, sexy dress, role-play. Fav mags: *Tapestry*, *FAD*, *Skin-Two*, and *CNL*."

CASSANDRA MONROE
(GA-M4061-K8792-70)
6'4", 270, brown hair, eyes. Interested in CD, stamps, collecting recipes. "Would like to reestablish contact with former correspondents. Lost all addresses, etc. in accident 8/10/92. I am a quadriplegic due to the accident, but am learning to use a computer for correspondence. Will attempt to answer any letters sent."

TRACY SIMMONS
(GA-M4584-K9984-69)
Attended '92 Texas T Party. STV, 6'0", 36. Interested in cooking, sewing, home computer, music. "Would like to correspond with others, make new friends. Enjoy dressing up with others, sharing tips. Like to meet supportive woman who would help with clothes, cooking, etc."

MICHELLE KELLY
(GA-P-M3054-K5640-69)
Attended Southern Comfort '91, '92, '93, Fantasy Adventure Weekend '91, IFGE '92, '94. 42, 6', lt. brown hair, blue/grn eyes, 170. Interested in computers, music, and, of course, men. "Want to make friends with others, meet if possible. Travel heart of Georgia. Work Thurs.-Sun. Off Mon.-Wed. Will answer all."

RACHEL W.
(GA-P-M3251-K6404-71)
MWM. "Starting therapy for TS. Have a very supportive wife who wants me to be Rachel always. Would love to hear from all TS women."

CASSANDRA LAUREN BEARD
(GA-P-M3849-K2147-69)
Fun-loving, feminine, flirtatious, bi-SW TS, 28, nonsmoker, 5'7", 170, dark brown hair and eyes. Professional interior designer. "Adore shopping, cultural events, living in Atlanta experiencing life as a woman (as often as possible). Eager to begin transition process. Looking for advice and support from pre- and post-ops, TVs, understanding women."

DIANA AUSTIN
(GA-NP-M3283-K6478-70)
"Vivacious, trim, fun-loving, 35-year-old CD who would like to get to know you. If you enjoy stimulating conversation, summer nights, fashion, and fine wine, why not write? I'll try not to disappoint all who take the time to send a note."

ANNIE LYNN
(GA-P-M3298-K6557-70)
Tall, blonde, blue eyes. Interested in movies, sports, history, the outdoors. "Looking for new friends. Travel southeast. Would very much like to meet others who share interests. Like to meet new friends."

JAMIE LEE GREGORY
(GA-P-M3688-K8001-69)
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, CTA. CD, SWM, 5'10", 136, 44, 12. Interested in movies, music. Enjoy everything feminine. Attended Southern Comfort '92, '93. "Learning more about myself and exploring the limits of my comfort. Would like to hear from others. Will respond."

JANE A. (GA-M4820-K1223-71)
Attended P'town Outing '84. CD early 40s. "Am new to Savannah and would like to meet new friends. Love to sail and spend time in the sun! Am a Leo, and love to have fun. Active with the U.U. and have done some community theater. Will try to answer all letters."

DONNA K. (GA-P-M4479-K9689-69)
6'1", 195. "I've been dressing only a short period of time. Recently came out with very positive response. Want to make friends with CDs, hetero or bi for correspondence/photo exchange and social relationship. A caring, sensitive person looking for same. Enjoy sports, seashore, mountains, reading and shopping."

FLORIDA (320- 340-)

ROSALIND HART
(FL-M0768-K1479-69)
Member of Tri-Ess, Phi Epsilon Mu. Attended Be All meetings. MWM hetero TV, 65, 5'6", 165. Interested in computers, amateur radio, feminine clothes, space travel. "Supportive wife. Three children. Am degreed professional. Like to meet or correspond with other couples. Frequent visit malls and restaurants with wife. Pass with hormones and electrolysis."

JOANNE SHANNON
(FL-M2690-K4330-71)
Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 6'3", 215, 44. Interested in getting back to basics, homesteading, photography, natural history, electronics, computers, American history. "In the closet but slowly emerging. Wife tolerant but not supportive. Hetero but bi-curious. Desire to correspond with, meet sisters in NE FL. Need support, understanding. Please write. Will answer all."

AUSTINE B.
(FL-NP-M1086-K0910-72)
DWM CD, TS inclinations. 54, 5'8", 150, sensitive, gentle, and caring. "In and out of closet since childhood. Many varied interests. I am a friend of Bill W. and seek correspondence or meetings with others whose addictions have affected their gender dysphoria."

CLAUDIA K. (FL-M1833-K1010-71)
Member Crossport, CFS, Sigma Epsilon. Attended Be All, Texas T Party, Southern Comfort. Interested in sunshine, my home, travel, still & video photography. "Enjoy meeting new people. Anxious to help CDs, any age, in a support group."

PETRA DAWN
(FL-P-M1314-K0817-69)
Member Sigma Epsilon, Tau Lambda. Attended Southern Comfort '91, Holiday En Femme '92. Late-30's, married with two children. "Active on Tri-Ess BBS and Genderline. Would like to start a group in north Florida/South Carolina. Have gone to Atlanta, but 5+ hours is a long drive. Love to hear from other sisters."

VANESSA B.
(C FL-P-M1396-K0931-69)
Member Central FL Sisters, Southern Belles. 45, 5'5", 150. Interested in meeting with other sisters, and going to various outings/clubs with my sisters. "I have accepted my feminine self. Can't get enough of Vanessa. Would like to be more passable so as to go to straight places."

JEAN RICH
(FL-NP-M2824-K4690-71)
Attended Southern Comfort, Manhattan Madness. Hetero, 5'8", 150, very fit entertainer. Interested in dancing, biking, photography, stock market, shopping. "Party animal. Enjoy clubbing and meeting new sisters around the country. Travel to many functions. Recent documentary done on my lifestyle. Photo performances at Cabaret in Ft. Lauderdale."

JODY N.
(FL-NP-M2968-K5101-72)
Member Central Florida Sisters, Serenity. SWM, 5'6", 125, thirty-something. TS inclinations. "Interested in hearing from GGs and like-minded individuals. Pre-/post-op. Photo, please, if possible. Peace."

CATHY R.
(FL-P-M3007-K5262-69)
SWM, Bi, 6', 170, a feminine closet TV. "I am an XXY feminine male. Love to correspond and share interests."

KAREN ANN R.
(FL-P-M4018-K8675-72)
MWM, TG, hetero, forty-something. Member Tri-Ess, Central Florida Sisters. Interested in computers and telecommunications. "Enjoy BBSing, answering letters, shopping, reading, and almost everything feminine. Enjoying a second chance at life with 100% self-acceptance and with partial acceptance from wife and friends. Promise an answer if you write."

DENISE PAUL
(FL-P-M3334-K6615-71)
MWM, 5'7", 16. Very supportive spouse. Interests; computers, travel, and communicating with other sincere and discreet people. "Enjoyed crossdressing since the age of 8. Like to hear from others who share our lifestyle. Can be contacted through Prodigy CTCB91A or by mail."

JACQUELYN NOWLING
(FL-M2063-K2459-69)
Member Sigma Epsilon. Mid-50's, 6', 180. Interested in wine-making, reading, & being 'Jacque.' "I travel FL extensively and would like to write & meet all sisters possible. Wife is very supportive and active in wives support group in Sigma Epsilon."

NORMA SUE "SUSIE"
(FL-P-M3794-K0407-69)
5'8", 180. "Pre-op TS who loves romantic evenings, country music, corresponding with others, and all things feminine. Currently separated from non-supportive spouse. Enjoy shopping and dining out. Will answer all who write. Photo gets mine in return. Would love to meet others from the Tampa area."

SISSY K. (FL-M3926-K8439-71)
MWM, 36. Interested in submissive crossdressing. "Interested in corresponding with others interested in maid service, forced crossdressing and obedience to dominant women, and others. Would love to share interactive fantasies."

ERIN ANN B. (FL-M4222-K2869-69)
WM, 6'1", 52, brn hair, blue eyes, 170. "Have accepted feminine self, CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF ERIN. Hormones 2 yrs. Looking forward to TS. Not always passable. Interests movies, anything female, golden oldies, shopping. Would

love to go out with the girls. Love to hear from TSs. Will answer all. Send photo."

DENISE B. (FL-P-M4035-K8736-70)
Married, hetero CD, 38, 5'10", 155. Attended '93 Be All. "Working on telling wife. Dress about twice a month. Member of local support group and frequent accepting gay bars. Have been shopping in the malls once and was in heaven! Would like to start local club/lounge for TV/TSs. Let's write and exchange ideas."

PATRICIA GREENE
(FL-M4256-K9546-71)
"I thank God daily for my blessings: wife, daughter, friends accept me crossdressed, even encouraged to do so at home. I never would have believed that it could happen to me, but it did. Take heart, it could happen to you!"

VICKY S. (FL-M4639-K10237-75)
WM CD, 35. "Would like to hear from others in the Bahamas, and anywhere else. Will answer all. Wife and children very supportive and encouraging."

PAMELA ANN B.
(FL-P-M4695-K10384-70)
DWM, 50s. "Have been dressing for years, but need help getting past front door. Passable, maybe. Second opinion welcome as well as support. Enjoy all sports, photography, music, dressing as often as possible. Photo and phone appreciated. Will answer all."

ZOT S ZURGOT
(FL-M4653-K10264-70)
Member Q-moon, League of Big-Footed Women. Progressive SWM Winkte TV, 34, solar electrician. Do canoeing, woodswalking, cooking, reading, earth-centered spirituality, travel, sustainable culture, peacemaking, dancing. "Working on one honest, integrated self capable of serving myself, friends, family, community, the biosphere and the numinous. Love to laugh, and you can, too."

ALABAMA (350- 369-)

ANNE ARMSTRONG
(AL-M1478-K0934-69)
Member Tri-Ess. "Would welcome letters. Will answer quickly. Curious about other TV fantasies, clothes, etc. Am still in the closet."

RENÉE PHILLIPS
(AL-M2535-K3705-70)
MWM, 37, 5'11", life-long TV. Go out and have passed at times. "I enjoy being soft and gentle, as feminine as I can. I adore satin and lace, shopping, socializing, fashion, arts, travel, and girl talk. Would like to meet others with similar interests. Desire meetings or correspondence. Will answer promptly."

PAULA R.
(AL-P-M2820-K4698-72)
Member Sigma Epsilon, Montgomery Institute, NOW, LWV, ACLU. Attended Southern Comfort '91, '92, '93. DWM, 59, 5'10", 174, TG-TS? Interested in boats, cooking, theater, music, collectibles, Civil War buff, active in environmental groups, local historical preservation society. Semi-retired. Can travel at will.

CELESTE RICHARDS
(AL-M3197-K6191-70)
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, ETVC, on AEGIS staff. Attended Holiday En Femme '92. 41, 166, 5'9", 16, dress to pass. Interested in helping others, Macintosh DTP, member in women's groups, shopping. "CDing is the portal and liberation of my inner self. Was not complete until I lea
rned to be the woman inside. 'To empower others is an act of compassion. To empower yourself is an act of courage.'"

LISA J.
(AL-M4515-K0754-69)
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Rho Gamma. BM, married, TV, 38, 6'1", 185. Interested in dressing up. "Am a caring sister who will correspond with other sisters to exchange ideas and tips. I have passed in public and had fun. It may take awhile to get a reply, but I will write back. Your picture gets mine."

SARAH C. JAMES
(AL-M4764-K10766-70)
DWM, 53, 5'8", 145, professor, author. "Recently became aware of Sarah and all she means to me. Dress only in private. As an author, would like to write about TS/TV/CD in serious way. If you would like to share your ideas, feelings, relationships, special events in your life with me, please write. I want to know more."

TENNESSEE (370- 384-)

LORRIE RENAE T.
(TN-P-M4655-K7766-70)
5'11", blue eyes, blonde hair most of time, 22, hetero CD. Single and very much in closet. "Would like to meet an understanding female for possible relationship. Would also like to meet other hetero CDs for help in promoting feminine self."

MISSISSIPPI (386- 396-)

JOANN LYNN
(MS-P-M3858-K3224-70)
MWM, bi-TV, 5'8", 135, 36B-29-36. Interested in meeting other CD/TV/TSs, MS Gulf Coast and New Orleans or Mobile, AL areas. "Love to dress as a female. Wife not supportive. Will travel for daytime meetings for a relationship. Seeking others who can help me be the female I crave to be."

SISSY S.
(MS-P-M3443-K7091-71)
Member of Tri-Ess, Beta Chi. 5'11", 190, SWM, 38, hetero. Interested in being a woman and meeting women and CDs in MS. "Love going to restaurants, movies, and shopping as Sissy. Seek supportive females for friendship/relationship. I enjoy being a girl, don't you?"

KAREN SCOTT
(MS-P-M3472-K7184-72)
Member of NOW. SWM, 5'10", 170. Interested in TV, sports, soap operas. Retired widower, former Avon lady, L'Oreal hair color technician. Like wigs, makeup, and wearing all feminine attire. "Love hats, millinery, sleep en femme. Crossdressed since twelve years old. Love to hear from all CDs in New Orleans area. Write. Send pictures."

MELANIE CUEVAS
(MS-P-M4218-K7363-71)
Member Tri-Ess. 6'4", 205, MWM, hetero CD. "Play guitar, shop, read. Wife supportive at home. Still in closet. Passable. Quiet and sincere. Would love to correspond and possibly meet others in MS. Please send picture. Will answer all."

KENTUCKY (403- 427-)

LINDA BUTEN
(KY-P-M2001-K0965-99)
Member Crossport, IFGE Board of Directors. Participant Be All, Coming Together. MWM TV, 6', 180. "Been in public for years, and understand self and

others well. Wife and children know, understand and love Linda as an extension of my personality. Enjoy dating tall, well-mannered gentlemen who know how to treat a lady to the finer things in life."

LYNNE B.
(KY-M1992-K2494-72)
Interested in corresponding with TV/TS.

DANA LYNN HOUSTON
(KY-NP-M2524-K3731-72)
Creative and sensitive TG (not kinky), committed to achieving womanhood with or without the OPERATION. Lives as a woman in heart, mind and soul, but professionally as a man. Loves music, art, literature, cooking, gardening and design. "Married to loving woman, always my friend, even if surgery ensues."

OHIO (434- 457-)

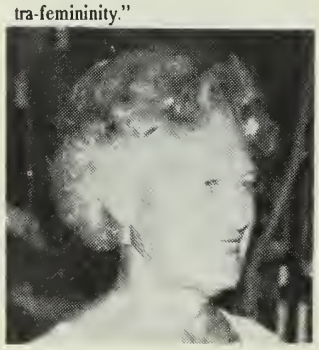
MICHELLE RICHARDS
(S OH-P-M0954-K1005-69)
Member Paradise, Cross-Port, Alpha Omega, Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, Empathy, FIL, Serenity, and Tiffany. Hetero crossdresser, 5'9", 170, educated, friendly. Married 20 years to an "A" wife. An original organizer of Paradise. "I enjoy crossdressing, hi-heels, 'girl talk,' and picture-taking. Need help on femme voice. Started dressing at seven. Now late 40's"

FRAN S. (OH-M0848-K1016-71)
Member Tri-Ess. 70+, 5'9", 180. "Still in closet, but hurting. Nonsupportive spouse. Love dressing, but live in small town with limited opportunity. TS-oriented. Some hormones. Christian. Enjoy writing, fishing, femme fashions, music, reading. Want to meet other CD/TV/TS, but scared."

KIMBERLY DENISE GRAY
(SW OH-M1628-K0035-70)
"Curious crossdresser awaits correspondence with GG/TS/TV to help with new feminine behavior. All help appreciated. Love lingerie, sexy looks, and intelligent conversation. Try to answer all who write."

MARY R. (OH-M1731-K1875-69)
Hetero, SWM, 35, CD, 12T, long brown hair, green eyes, gentle, passive, and very shy. Interested in fashions, cooking, shopping, and everything feminine. "Would love to hear from any genetic woman. My goal is to be in total rôle reversal with a sincere woman who understands my feelings, and who appreciates a male who dresses in feminine fashions."

LYNN SHERMAN
(OH-P-M1244-K0988-70)
"Looking to meet nice people in the Northeast Ohio area, including other TVs, TSs, men, women and couples who enjoy ultra-femininity."



CLAUDIA K.
(OH-P-M1833-K1010-71)
Member CrossPort, IXE, CFS. Attended Be All, Texas T Party, Fantasia Fair, Southern Comfort. A young old person who is retired. Interested in photography, golf, computers (Prodigy FMTX16A). "Since I live in Florida in the winter and the midwest in the summer, I can offer my support to the new girls in these areas. We can write, talk on the phone or computer, or visit in person."

KATHERINE H.
(OH-M1994-K2073-71)
Member CLCC, Paradise Club. Divorced, 40, TV/TS, Bi, blonde, attractive. Interested in fashion, movies, music, cooking, gardening, golf, Yoga, aerobics. "Seek understanding friends in Ohio area, M or F. Intelligent, successful, articulate. Pass easily. Would like to meet others for fun, conversation."

SUSAN KNIGHT
(N OH-P-M2053-K2450-72)
Divorced, hetero CD. 51, 6', 185. Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. "Enjoy fishing, camping, and old movies. Dress anytime I can and absolutely love it. Still in closet, but dress with sisters who live close by. If you live in the Huron/Erie County area and feel alone and frustrated, maybe I can help. Completely discreet."

RHONDA MILLER
(OH-NP-M2150-K2546-70)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. Attended Be All '93. Divorced CD, 55, 5'7", 168, nicely proportioned, passes easily. Enjoys girl talk and picture taking sessions. Goes to restaurants, clubs and shopping en femme on regular basis. Hosted slumber parties in '93 and '94. Through this Personal has met many wonderful TV/TSs. "Will answer all."

JENNY R. (OH-M3118-K5657-70)
6', SWM, 135, CD, 33. Interested in long walks and crossdressing. "Would like to meet or correspond with hetero CD/TV/GGs for talks on improving femme side."

LISA HART
(OH-P-M2591-K3760-69)
Member Paradise Club. MWM hetero CD, 36, 5'10", 155. "Into country living, beagle hounds, being Lisa and everything feminine. Very understanding wife. Have been out shopping and to dinner a few times, but still learning to relax. Seeking CD girlfriend in my area for girl talk and trips out. NW OH."

AMY L. (OH-NP-M2671-K4180-72)
"Single, bi-TV, 33, 5'3", clean, discreet, but lonely. Like to hear from females, TV/TS for dates, friendship, support and possible relationship. I enjoy nature, photography, romantic evenings. Live near Wheeling, WV, but travel some. No men or married TV unless wife is involved. Photo and SASE appreciated."

JOAN B. (OH-P-M3224-K6235-70)
Attended Southern Comfort. 5'5", 160, TS, married, professional, honest, caring, and discreet. Wife not supportive. Interested in sports, cooking, shopping, romantic evenings and long walks. "Love dressing and going out. Want to meet other TV/TSs and women for friendship and support. Central Ohio area, but travel extensively. Will answer all."

THERESA RICHARDS
(OH-P-M3244-K6409-71)
Member Paradise Club. "I am making great strides in our community, having been elected president of my support group

in only two years. Willing to help out any and all who wish to write with questions, or just to be friends."

ROXANNE LEWIS
(OH-NP-M3582-K7576-71)
5'3", 140, C, new woman, non-smoker. Interested in science, Sci-Fi, psychology, New Age, past lives. "Interested in meeting like-minded men and others for fun friendships and support. Non-smokers."

CINDY TRAUM
(OH-P-M3589-K7569-71)
Member Crystal Club, Crossport. 5'8", medium build, brown eyes, Vietnam Veteran, college education, professional. "Lifelong CD. Like photo sessions, dining at nice restaurants, theater and traveling. Have attended several conventions. Enjoy going places en femme."

KRISTINE JONES
(OH-P-M3931-K8465-70)
Member Crossport. Attended Be All. TV, 160, 16, redhead, married, 6'. Interested in dancing, shopping, conversation, sewing, cosmetology, and passing. "Love being Kristine whenever possible. Like being well dressed. Pass well except for height. Love going to exciting nightspots en femme. Learning hairstyling, sewing, and performance (lip sync). Will answer all and exchange photos."

TRACY WINTERS
(OH-M3622-K4238-71)
Member Central Florida Sisters, Alpha Omega, Paradise Club, Crystal Club. MWM, TV, 5'7", 150, 50ish. "Wife not supportive. Would like to meet and/or correspond with TV/TS/GG in NCO or anywhere else. Please include photo."

ROXANNE L. (OH-M3755-K7391-69)
MWM, 43. Interested in music, reading, heart to heart conversations, feminism, Goddess religion, cross-gender psychology, writing. "Want to correspond with other sisters for mutual aid and growth. Am just emerging from the closet and looking for friends with similar interests."

JOANN HOFFLER
(OH-M3955-K8523-69)
M-F TS, 35. Interested in computers, sailing. "Seeking professional consultation and support. Would like to talk with other new M-F TSs with same interest."

HEATHER P.
(OH-NP-M4117-K8922-71)
Member Cross-Port. Attended Southern Comfort. 6', middle-aged. Interested in shopping, night spots, restaurants. "TS loves to go out on the town. At this time living 60-75% of the time as the right sex. Working toward 100%. Would like to correspond, meet TS/CDs."

MARLENE HENKE
(OH-M4187-K6487-71)
Member Crystal Club. MWM, 40, 6'4", CD. Interested in computers and traveling. "Wife understands and we are dealing with my crossdressing together. Just coming out of the closet, but not out the door yet. Would like to correspond with other retired military persons."

PAULA HARMSTON
(OH-M4337-K6968-72)
Member Tri-Ess. 6', 170, brown eyes and hair, 44, professional, married, hetero. Interested in old movies, music. "Travel frequently on business. Enjoy meeting sisters from around the country. Enjoy shopping, restaurants, etc."

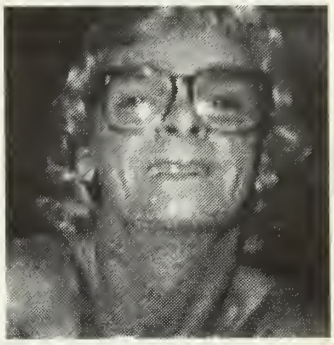
DENISE SMITH
(OH-M4404-K9460-72)
"Hi, I'm Denise. I'm 34, 5'6", brn/brn, 12/14. I enjoy golf, racing, guitar and lots of other stuff. I'm divorced with two boys, so I have to be somewhat careful. I pass well and love to go out!! Seeking other TG/TVs and understanding GGs for friendship, maybe more."

SHERRI LEE
(OH-P-M4612-K8185-70)
DWM hetero CD, 6', 200, 47, blue-eyed blonde. Recently divorced. "Have been dressing since early teens, but have not been able to express myself until recently. Love all things feminine. Want to meet others in Northeast Ohio to talk and share experiences and help one another achieve our feminine goals."

INDIANA (463- 479-)

YVONNE COOK-RILEY
(IN-P-M1009-K1818-99)
IFGE Director of Operations, IFGE Board of Directors, Chrmn Finance Committee. Lifetime member IXE. IFGE Trinity Award, 1991. Friendly and sincere individual who enjoys all people who are involved in gender issues.

VANESSA W.
(IN-P-M1166-K1046-69)
Member of StLGF. Attended Fall Harvest '91, Miss Best Dressed, Southern Comfort '92. MWM, TV, 32, 5'9". "Love shopping, sightseeing, and modeling as my fenne self. I'm a recent bride married to a very supportive woman who is my wife, my sister, my love. Would like to correspond with and meet select couples."



VERONICA MAE S.
(IN-NP-M1712-K1886-70)
"Looking to meet sisters in northern IN, S MI. Have too many interests to list. Also, lots of hobbies. I have the Who cares? attitude and just dress and go out as I please and really love it! Also looking for a steady boyfriend! Must be understanding, Romantic, Nice! Hurry!"

DAN COOK-RILEY
(IN-P-M1802-K1029-99)
Member IXE, IFGE Volunteer. Female CD, 40's. Sincere, caring individual. Interested in corresponding with other female-to-male CD/TSs. Enjoys hiking, dancing, T'ai Chi Ch'uan, talking with others and helping others "coming out."

ANNIE JOHNSON
(IN-M3400-K6858-71)
Member IXE. "Transgendered, non-op by choice. Living full-time and trying to stay self-employed-computers are my love -consulting and counseling on spirituality, diversity, corporate culture and gender."

TEDDY K. (IN-M3805-K8287-72)
MWM, CD, DQ. "Nearing retirement, but vital and active. On a continuous voyage of discovery. Interests include writing, music, history, tennis and bicycling. Tri-Ess, CIGA and IXE. Paradise in the Poconos. Looking for CD friends of all ages, but especially over 55. Experienced, loving and prudent."

TONI B. (IN-M3833-K6855-69)
Hetero, married CD. "Not looking to go public, just looking to meet another CD in northern Indiana. Just to dress privately."

LAURA A. SIMS
(IN-P-M3956-K6882-70)
Member Chi Chapter, Tri-Ess; IXE. New CD. MWM, 54, 5'9", 170. "Attended Southern Comfort, '93, and learned much about myself. Wife supportive, but not involved. Will answer all letter/photos."

BARBARA DAHL
(IN-P-M4056-K8779-71)
Member Tennessee Vals. Single TV, tall and slender. "Enjoy going out dressed to clubs in Nashville, TN. Occasionally perform as a female impersonator. Enjoy interesting people, fashion and music. Please include photo. Try to answer all."

JANET P. (IN-M4300-K2571-72)
5'11", married to a supportive wife, 41. "Just accepted who I am. Have been a CD since 8. Like philosophy, history, very femme attire, shopping with my wife for Janet's things, and being outdoors. Have only been out as femme self once. Would like to correspond with hetero CDs."

RANDI E. (IN-P-M4080-K8767-70)
Hetero married CD, 44. "My wife is totally disabled, and caring for her limits my time to dress, or do just about anything else. Will try to answer any letter. Love short skirts and high heels."

VICTORIA LEE
(IN-P-M4112-K6392-70)
MWM, 48, 5'7", hetero TV, professional educator. Like jazz, classical music, dance, nature, technology and the future. Everything soft and feminine. "Have loved dressing as a girl since I was 4. I am trying to come out in spite of living in a small rural town. I will make a better effort at corresponding."

RACHEL L. (IN-P-M4549-K9772-70)
"Effeminate and alluring CD, 32. Been going out in public since age 19. Very passable. Profile Girl in *Ladylike* #19. I enjoy the career-girl look; semi-formal look; ultra feminine lingerie. Want to correspond, possibly meet with other pretty TV/TSs and women. Will definitely answer all who send photo."

MICHIGAN (480- 499-)

MILESA PHAR
(MI-P-M0976-K1068-71)
Member Crossroads. "Past officer of Crossroads, college lecturer on TV. Supportive wife. Hobbies: photography, motorcycling. Attended ten Be All's."

TINA L. PRATT
(MI-P-M1276-K1112-69)
TG/TS, 38, 5'11", 22W, long blonde hair, electrolysis...passable. "Out for 9 years now, with no regrets! Live in the Upper Peninsula, so there is little in the way of peer support here. Would enjoy hearing from others."

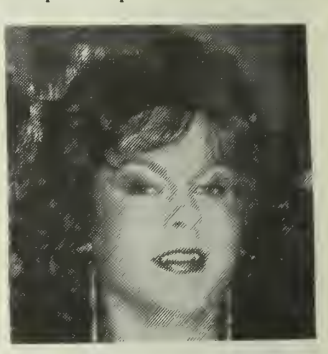
MARCIA ANN T.
(E MI-P-M1871-K2173-71)
Member Tri-Ess, Crossroads. Attended '91, '92, '93 Be All. WM TV, 5'10", 165. Tri-city area. "For over 25 years have enjoyed passing in public. Wrote article on the mature CD for *LadyLike*. Love to correspond with prompt reply. Happy to share, help, and advise others."

LYNN P. J. OTTENS
(MI-M2745-K4492-71)
Member Crossroads, IME. "Very feminine She-male desires legitimate employment. Willing to learn, relocate. Also seeking friendship and companionship. You must be drug, alcohol, and smoke free."

STEPHANIE MICHELE WELLS
(MI-P-M3377-K6718-70)
5'9", mid40's, 140. Self-employed, open-minded and terminally gender confused. Interested in photography, mystery novels, computers, and meaningful conversation. "I enjoy corresponding, although I can be a tad slow in replying. Hope to make a few good friends, gain some insight, and enjoy life a little more."

CINDY F. DINSER
(MI-M3010-K1075-69)
Member Crossroads, IME. Well-liked, good worker. Interested in swimming, bowling, bicycle rider. "Been with Crossroads nine years, IME five years. Been to ten Be Alls. We also hold a picnic once a year in the country. We have a nice turn out every year. Please write if you want to. Love, your sister, Cindy."

DEBRA D. (MI-M3490-K7206-71)
Member Crossroads. SWM, hetero CD, 5'11", 150, brown hair, blue eyes. "Would like to meet understanding female for companionship."



DIANE C. (MI-P-M3740-K8200-69)
SWM, hetero, CD, 34, 5'11", 160, blue eyes, blonde hair, 14/16, professional. Interested in all things feminine, shopping, dressing, jazz/classical music, fine arts, wines & restaurants. "Lifelong, closeted CD. Sensitive, empathetic. Want to allow femme self to blossom. Eager to perfect sophisticated, elegant image & personality. Seek correspondence, relationship, perhaps leading to marriage."

JOANNE MARIE DANIELS
(MI-M4094-K8811-71)
45, SWM, hetero TV, 5'9", 160, 14, blue eyes. Interested in reading, bicycling, rustic camping, and, of course, wearing women's clothes. "I am slowly slipping out of the closet and am undergoing electrolysis. Would like to correspond and meet males and females who enjoy wearing women's clothes."

EVE V. (MI-P-M4517-K4013-69)
Member IME. MWM, 38, 6', 155, brown/brown. Interested in pets, SF, fishing, canoeing and backpacking. "CD with

strong TG/TS yearnings. Wife is aware, but currently not accepting. Looking for supportive, caring friends. Enjoy correspondence/photo exchange, especially with other tall sisters. Can we help each other with our special needs?"

VICKIE CARSON
(MI-P-M4599-K10092-70)
Lifelong crossdresser, 41, 5'10", 165. Usually passable. "Would like to meet other people who enjoy this culture. Would also like to date a single/married man. I am coming out of the closet and am now exploring my feminine side. I do not know how far I want to change my gender/sex, but I must find out."

CHRISTINE LYNN
(MI-NP-M4879-K4510-71)
Member Crossroads. Hetero, 29, 5'11", 14, passable. Interested in fashion, shopping, makeup, dressing, travel. "Desire to meet an understanding/supportive woman for friendship/relationship. Would enjoy corresponding with other CD/TV/TS. Letter with photo will be answered with the same."

CHRISTIE WOODS
(MI-M4563-K9757-69)
MWM, 34, TG. "Just coming out. No picture yet. My wife knows, but still seems to struggle with acceptance, as do I. Father of two sons. Am interested in all things feminine. Plan one day to go out dressed. Would like to correspond with other parents concerning family issues and feminine preferences."

IOWA (500- 528-)

JANET BAKER
(IA-M2091-K2482-72)
WM, 39, 175, 5'11". Artist. Interests include ceramics, prints, painting, gardening, animals, archeology, erotica, metal and wood working. "Would like to meet new friends with similar interests."

WISCONSIN (530- 548-)

FRANCINE RENAE
(WI-P-M3263-K6403-70)
"There's more to life than everyday living, there's loving, sharing, hoping, giving. I'm new at this: constantly learning. To meet my sisters I'm still yearning. I've met a few, which is great. Our friendship is first rate. We can be ourselves, that is true. Let's correspond and be friends, too."

TANYA K. (WI-P-M3275-K4933-70)
MWM, mid 40's, 5'10", 175, ex-military, college graduate, professional, strong religious background. Interested in music, aviation, religion, and my family. "CD since childhood. Dress in hotel, but want to go out. Family does not know. Hope to tell wife. Like elegant styles. Like to hear from those with similar interests."

MARTHA M.
(NE-WI-M1459-K1147-70)
Member Tri-Ess, Chicago Gender Society. Attended Be All, Holiday En Femme. 5'6", 160, 43, married, four kids. Interested in the arts, outdoors, night on the town. "Wife not supportive. Get out a few times a year traveling to Chicago area. Have worked through a lot as Martha. Willing to help others, drop me a note."

PAULA M. (W WI-M2036-K2273-72)
Tri-Ess, Chi chapter. MWM, CD, 78, 5'5", 160. Retired university professor. Participant: Be All, Holiday En Femme, Fall Harvest. Artist (painter), musician. Interested in all visual/performing arts, especially classical music and jazz, fine foods, wines. "Happy marriage (52 years) to wonderfully accepting, supportive wife. We travel everywhere, do everything as two women. Correspondence invited."

KIM GREEN (WI-M3113-K5687-69)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Holiday en Femme. Mid-aged, athletic, educated. Interested in meeting crossdressers, especially those who have involved significant other. "Love to meet and correspond with CD/TV/TS/TG and couples who have involved this culture in their lifestyles."

JAMI B. (WI-P-M3456-K7120-71)
Member Tri-Ess, Chi Chapter, Chicago Gender Society. "Self-acceptance vs. self-doubt. Being open to life means letting go and vulnerability. The time is at hand to be a witness to the intricacy and profound beauty of creation. Devoted parent; faulty spouse; lover. Thankful for it all. Live, risk, write."

CATHY BROWN
(WI-P-M3698-K8037-69)
S, TG, 5'9", 155, nonsmoker. "Have been crossdressing since age 4. Have recently made some successful public outings. Would like to hear from any other TG/TV/TS, or anyone interested in helping our community and our selves. We must all work together for the acceptance we deserve."

LINDA W. (WI-M3330-K5758-71)
Attended Coming Together '92, Be All '93. 30ish, but 20ish, 5'6", 125, brn hair, green eyes, said to be Barbra Streisand double (but had my nose done). "Wild but conservative and stable individual wishing to be in contact with full-time post-op. Goal to establish support for common full-time post-op concerns."

KARA S. (WI-M3781-K3306-69)
5'13", 215, 30. Single, Native American TV. Interested in philosophy, cooking, long walks, music, meaningful conversation. "Believe in striving for balance in life: left-brain right-brain development, the male and the female within, concern for oneself and for one's community. My feminine side is more visible on the inside, but it's there. First peak out of the closet. Write if you have something to say."

ANA MA RICHARDSON
(WI-P-M3938-K8485-69)
"That's me. I'm a writer, dancer, single parent, a lonesome thing. Looking for kindred souls in Wisconsin, or elsewhere. I travel frequently and love FI shows, jazz, baseball. No propositions, please. I'm in a rewarding relationship with a genetic female lesbian."

ADRIENNE S. LEE
(WI-P-M4276-K8299-71)
WM, separated, older, 5'7", 150. Interested in sports, nature, animals, flowers, fishing, hobbies and art. "Live in rural NW Wisc. Love to dress. Need some friends as it is lonely here. In winter, I paint landscapes on canvas and on saw blades. Love shopping."

GINA J. (WI-P-M4632-K10214-70)
"Slowly coming out and discovering more about my femme self. 6'2", 165 (12), marriage-minded TV with TS dreams. Enjoy volley ball, history, volunteering, building, cooking, and warm romantic

tropical breezes. Would love to meet other sisters for friendship, mutual support, and adventures!"

LAURA B. (WI-M4513-K5814-69)
WM CD, 165, 5'6", 41. Interested in boating, flying, music, and snow skiing. "Would like to meet female who can accept what I am, or with other sisters. Have been dressing since age 11. Looking for friendship and support. Love to dress up whenever possible, makeup and all. Discretion assured."

WENDY RETLAW
(WI-M4745-K10492-71)
CD-oriented since teen. DWM, 51. Passion for hosiery, panties, bras. Other interests include golf, bike riding, computers, photography, reading. "Travel nation wide on business. MI, IN, IL, WI any weekend. Seeking TV/TSs for friendship, correspondence, dating. First-time subscriber. Very discreet. Answer all. Would love photo."

JACQUELYN RICHTER
(WI-M4801-K5336-70)
Member Tri-Ess Chi Chapter, Chicago, IL. "Former vice-president of chapter and regular newsletter contributor. Transgendered and believe in openness and honesty."

ROBBIN S. (WI-M4846-K9296-70)
SWM, 28, lifelong CD. "Would love to hear from all sisters, and possibly attend gender events together. Would also love helping other CD/TV/TSs raise money for their various 'special' needs. Ours is a very expensive lifestyle. Please write and send long SASE for immediate reply. We can make a difference together!"

MINNESOTA (550- 567-)

JENNIFER O.
(MN-P-M0570-K1161-71)
Member CLCC. Attended Fantasia Fair. 6'2", 175. Interested in classical organ music, racquetball. "Married to a warm, understanding woman. I like to express my feminine side at home and occasionally at local club meetings. Splurged and attended Fantasia Fair the last two years. Enjoy hearing from people with similar interests."

STEPHANIE J.
(MN-M2385-K3139-71)
Member CLCC. 5'10", size 24W, 42, full-figured bi-CD. "Been dressing 30 year, love it! Desire small get-togethers with bi-CD and bi-males. Love correspondimng to Minn. CDs. Meet for coffee? Discreet. Photo/phone if possible."

VANESSA S.
(MN-P-M1168-K1159-72)
Married CD, mid-40s. "Love my femininity and all it represents. Have written two serious books on crossdressing. Give educational presentations to college and professional groups. Interests include theology, psychology, music, correspondence with married couples dealing with CDing, sports, pop-culture and, of course, opportunities for feminine expression."

MARY N. (MN-P-M1740-K1903-71)
Member CLCC. Attended Be All, Fall Harvest, Spring Fling. MWM, 5'7", 150, blue eyed blonde. "Enjoy travel, water skiing, shopping, and going to restaurants en femme. Have been crossdressing for as long as I can remember. Have come to accept myself for who I am and enjoy it. Live in Twin Cities, but travel often."

WENDY PETERSON
(MN-P-M2193-K2625-69)
Early 30s, 5'10". "I've been out of touch for the last several months. My apologies to all who wrote but didn't get an answer. Interested in a wide variety of things. Enjoy dressing to the fullest with all things feminine. Looking for TC area musicians interested in forming a CD/TV band."

DEBBIE DAVIS
(MN-P-M2396-K3143-71)
Member CLCC. Attended Coming Together '90. MWM, CD, 5'9", 12/14, mid-40s. "Happily married to a wonderfully supportive wife. Love being feminine and have fully accepted my feminine self. Out often in public. Active in local organization and our outreach program. Give presentations at local universities, and medical and psychiatric centers. Love sailing, windsurfing, waterskiing, writing, computing, and SHOPPING!"

SOFRONIA ANNE STRONG
(MN-P-M3843-K4637-69)
Member Tri-Ess, CLCC. Lifelong All-American CD. President of the Tri-Ess chapter in the Twin Cities. "If you live within 100 miles of the Twin Cities, write for chapter info. Come on out and join your sisters for fun and mutual support."

ELLEN D. (MN-P-M3923-K8443-69)
DWM, CD, 5'11", 175, 14/16. Athletic, creative, a writer into metaphysics (very intuitive), travel frequently. Love to transform M-F. Need help to pass. "Will escort passable TVs in MSP or elsewhere. Would love to meet inderstanding woman or post-op TS for relationship. Will answer all TV/TS/TG who write. Photo, please."

CAROL ANNE L.
(MN-P-M4675-K6231-70)
MWM, hetero, 45, brown hair, green eyes. 6', 250 (20). Interested in writing fiction, target shooting, photography, travel, high heels, stockings and miniskirts. "Recently decided to stop suppressing an important part of myself. Will correspond with women about clothes and being a woman, as well as with other CDs. Will answer all."

COLLEGE STUDENTS
(MN-M4829-K6331-71)
Members of college LGBC interested in corresponding/chatting about transsexual and crossdressing theory, identity, support, etc.

SOUTH DAKOTA (570- 577-)
NORTH DAKOTA (580- 588-)

BOBBI SWAN
(ND-P-M3557-K0975-71)
Member of Swan's Inner Sorority. Separated, divorce proceeding. 60, 195, 6'1", blue eyes. Interested in meeting others, computers, golf. "My supportive significant one has been a beautician and licensed cosmetologist, and loves to work with other sisters in their personal transformations. She enjoys helping other spouses to understand our needs. We are seeking friends."

LAURIE C. (ND-P-M4152-K8923-71)
Geographically isolated CD. Tall, slim, blue eyed blonde. Hetero, very passable, educated, retired professional. "Enjoy gardening, art, music, cooking, boating and sun-bathing. Friendly and sincere. Would really love to correspond with any and all other CD/TSs who enjoy living as their femme selves."

MONTANA (590- 599-)

JESSICA DIXON
(MT-NP-M4839-K7135-71)
40, 5'10", 144. Interested in skiing, mountaineering, rock climbing, wind surf, computers, GIS, Physics. PhD in physics that has been a closet TV since adolescence. "Would like to interact socially as a woman more. Lack confidence to go out an mingle. Would like to meet other TVs to go out in society with. Hetero."

CAROL PITTS
(MT-M4558-K9858-69)
MWM, 38, 5'10", 175, TG. "In therapy 7 months. It's great getting to know oneself after 30 years of denial. Enjoy going out as Carol. Would like info/tips on makeup, fashion or anything on self growth. I want to thank all who contribute to *Tapestry's* publication. Hoping to make new friends. Will answer all."

ILLINOIS (600- 629-)

TERESA BEATRICE K.
(IL-M1969-K2257-72)
6'+, 40s, SWM, 300, computer programmer/analyst, chess player, A D & D. "Very much a closeted TV, willing to act as escort/date for very passable TV/TS."

MARNIE KAPLAN
(IL-M3787-K3815-69)
Member Tri-Ess, Chicago. "Do not get out often. 39, hetero, very involved with wife and son. Interests include bird-watching, running, environmental activities, and weight training. Don't take this the wrong way: love dressing up, but inside, I always am aware of my male gender."

NAOMI O. (IL-P-M0257-K1257-63)
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together, Be All (Founder), Holiday En Femme, Fantasia Fair. Named Ms. Fantasia Fair. Won Tri-Ess Outreach Award. Full-figured Femme Fun! Interested in photography, crossdressing, and history. Attorney.

EVE B. (IL-P-M0523-K1199-71)
IFGE Board of Directors, Chr. Ed. Resources Committee. Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Awards: IFGE Trinity, Miss Dream, FF Miss Congeniality, FF Miss Best Dressed, Miss Fantasia Fair. Elegant fun-loving TG devoted to making our lives in this world better. Extensive outreach with Naomi O. to educate the world about our lifestyle.

GLORIA WRIGHT
(IL-NP-M0613-K1205-72)
President Chi Chapter, Tri-Ess, past president CGS. Born 1952, 5'3". Hobbies are jogging, singing and writing. "I am so busy, become a terrible correspondent."

JULIE M. (IL-P-M2936-K5012-72)
MWM, mid30s, CD with TS feelings. "Do not dress often, as wife doesn't know. Love to attend national events, meet others in our community. Passing is difficult at 6'3", but seeking the poise, style and confidence to do it. Like to write/meet other CD/TSs and ladies who understand."

JACKIE V. (IL-P-M3009-K5199-73)
Member CIGA, Tri-Ess, CGS. Attended several conventions. Hetero, S, 6', 160. "Would like to meet gals who support our lifestyle. Nondrinker, nonsmoker, no drugs. Love old cars and the outdoors. Self-employed and love to be en femme. Dress daily."

PRISCILLA B.
(IL-P-M3085-K5273-69)
Stylish, blonde TV, married. "Adore all things feminine, especially gowns, sexy party dresses, and photo sessions. Open to ideas about making a TV video. Satin and lace are so divine. Seek correspondence and photo exchange with TV/TSs and couples who are comfortable with this lifestyle. Can entertain/meet in midwest."

DIANE DEEDEE BOLDEN
(IL-M3994-K8608-71)
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. 5'11", 155, MWM professional who also teaches, lectures, consults, etc. "Dressed in secret for 20 years going out some, but terrified. Found Tri-Ess in '92 and have grown through its activities and new friends there. Pass well. Shop, dine, etc., as Diane with confidence. Not much of a correspondent."

MARGO ST. VINCENT
(IL-P-M3384-K6781-72)
Mid-30s, 5'6", plus size, blonde. "Love spike heels (3" or taller), lipstick, heavy makeup, black lingerie, garter belts, stockings, jewelry, long nails, and hair. Like the slutty look. Like dominant GGs and TVs. Like to swap photos and videos. Answer all with real photo. Be patient with me."

BARBARA ANN ROBERTS
(IL-P-M3816-K6257-69)
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. MWM, 5'10", 175, 49, educated professional, TV. "Love to dress up, go out, outdoors, fishing, hunting, Chicago suburbs. Dressing all my life, now want to come out. Have joined support group. Like to correspond, swap photos, meet others for friendship, sharing, learning."

BARBARA GLADE
(IL-P-M4148-K8938-71)
Member Tri-Ess. Chicagoland TV, 30, 5'10", 170, married to supportive wife. Professional, interested in travel, exercise, autos. "Attend many Tri-Ess meetings and socials. Am not as active in CD

scene as I could like. Looking for CDs to go out and help with my goal of passing."

MELISSA REED
(IL-P-M4267-K2011-71)
Member Tri-Ess, CGS, CIGA, StLGF. S TV, 40ish, 5'7", full figure and slimming. Many varied interests. "Will make first ventures out to meetings and socials this year to meet others and get more involved in the community. Will write as long as honesty and friendship prevail."

DENISE PETERS
(IL-P-M4590-K9008-70)
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess, Vice President of Chicago Gender Society. Attended CGS Dunes Getaway, Be All. Editor: Chi Chapter's *The Chi-Tribune*. Hetero, MCD, 6', 50ish. "Finally discovering the community after 35+ years in the closet. Desire to assist those who are weary of opening the door. Sysop, Lifetime BBS."

CLARISSA RENEE V.
(IL-P-M4726-K10452-70)
Member RCGA. DWM, CD, 5'9". Intelligent, educated professional with actively supportive girlfriend. Interests include fine lingerie, satin dresses, high heels, fashions and all things feminine. "I am a good correspondent. Looking to make new friends to share experiences. Will write all who respond."

AMANDA LYNN RICHARDS
(IL-M4574-K9942-69)
49, 5'7", 145, 14, Tri-Ess. "Loving, tolerant wife, supportive children. Happy with femininity. Regular outings en femme. Professional with interest in music synthesizers, computers and woodworking. Feels so good to transform into Amanda. Would like to help others feel good about themselves. Will write."

RITA D. (IL-M4748-K10650-70)
CD, 28, 5'10" with very strong TS feelings. "Would like to correspond with and develop friendship with other TSs. Still coming out and feeling isolated and alone. Please write. Will respond to all letters."

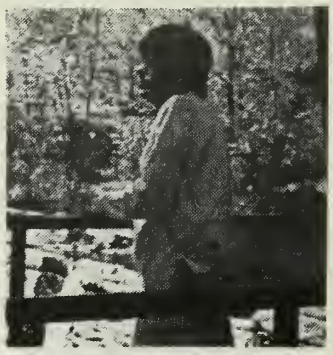
RENATE von FALKENBURG
(IL-NP-M4754-K10714-70)
Slim, leggy, passable TV/TS loves to correspond with same and mature gentlemen fascinated with sexy gals. "Gals, let's share experiences , tips. Guys, I'm into heels, nylons, lingerie. Will send photos."

MISSOURI (630- 658-)

BARBARA B.
(MO-P-M0258-K0560-71)
Member TCNE, NWGA, SLGF. DWM, hetero, 53, 5'10", 160. Interested in music, fashion, movies, meeting other sisters, camping. "Lifelong crossdresser. Comfortable with myself. Value friendship, honesty, and discretion. Enjoy small social get-togethers as well as CD events. Would like to correspond with and meet similar couples in St. Louis area."

TONI FRIED (MO-M4052-K8561-70)
SWM, M-F TS, 5'4", 155. "It's been a great year. Have developed friendships with several *Tapestry* correspondents. Looking to attend several events this year. Enjoy going to malls and dinner. Interested in all aspects of femininity. Started hormones, electrolysis. Will answer all."

ANGELA JOHNSON
(MO-P-M1162-K1308-70)
SBM TV, 5'11", 175. "Interests: photography, jazz, old movies, socializing, dancing and crossdressing. Like to correspond with TVs, TSs and women who understand. Would like a friend to share feelings with, go out and be relaxed with. Would like gentleman for escort. Interested in relationships with sincere people in St. Louis area."



JENNIFER RICHARDS
(MO-NP-M2689-K4328-72)
Born and raised in Philadelphia; flourished in Portland, OR; developed in St. Louis; a DREAM girl, MAGGIE enthusiast, active Congress Rep.; an IFGE Trinity recipient. MC/singer/dancer/producer, organizer, officer. Interested in outreach, personal growth, fulfillment, encouragement, balance. "Keep smiling, keep shinin', knowing you can always count on me–for sure–That's what friends are for . . ."

JORDYNNE BAKER
(MO-P-M3874-K4403-70)
Secretary StLGF. "Happy to be doing more to help others. Still learning from all of you, and hope to continue growing. Please write. Let's share hope, dreams, and love. Have stopped to smell the roses. All of you are beautiful."

JULIE RUSSELL
(MO-P-M3958-K2970-69)
DWM, hetero, 51, 6', 185. Interested in shopping, socializing, travel, football, and all types of female clothing. "Am not really looking for anything with this listing. I just think *Tapestry* is a great publication and want to support it. I do plan to attend a major event this year."

VANESSA T. (MO-M4113-K8923-70)
DWM TV, mid-40's, passable, college graduate, semi-retired. "Recently moved to SW Missouri. Enjoy all things feminine, with others with same interests who are sincere. Love to shop. Would like to attend some CD events. Looking for CDs/women interested in CDs for friendship."

VICKI SHERIDAN (MO-NP-M4208-K9491-72)
Member CAF. 5'7", 170, 48, married. Attended Fall Harvest, Texas T Party. "Go shopping and out to dinner on weekends with a friend. Just enjoy being a girl."

BETSY ANN COLLIER
(MO-P-M4526-K6214-69)
41, 5'9", DWM, slimming, bi-curious, friendly, bookish. Many interests. "New to femme self. Shy, but anxious to make friends for mutual fun and support (M, F, or TV). Will certainly return any kindness (my only criterion), and help how I can."

R. C. (MO-M4589-K9995-69)
Too damn big and too old, hetero, 6'6", 255, 63. "I bought just one edition of *Tapestry* and learned more from it about myself than from all other books, magazines, etc. If I could just talk to another crossdresser, it might help me learn a lot more. I am too old and too big for anything but the closet."

MICKI DANIELS
(MO-P-M4610-K7131-70)
President, StLGF, MAGGIE Representative. "Baby boomer and first-born in family. Hormones since 4/93. I feel who I am. Dancer/Writer/Artiste—Outreacher,—acceptance of our lifestyle is my favorite endeavor. Know yourself? Want a friend to help enjoy your self-discovery? Just call me and I'll be there."

KANSAS (660- 679-)

SHELLY H.(KS-P-M4627-10171-70)
Member Wichita Gender Alliance. DWM, 48, 5'8", 175, 18. Lifetime CD. "Carpenter into remodelling, electronics, cooking, baking, love good music and crosswords. Goal, to live as a woman. Sisters in community have helped tremendously in self-acceptance. Love to hear from, meet other sisters for support, friendship. Will answer all. Love y'all!"

NEBRASKA (680- 693-)

DEBRA ANN F.
(NE-NP-M1655-K1347-70)
MWM, 6'2", 200. Interested in bicycle riding, jazz and classical music, railroads. "Am just coming out of the closet, would like to meet others in 250 mile radius. Live in western Nebraska. Will answer all."

JANELLE L. (NE-M2958-K5055-69)
Member of Emerald City. 6'1", 14, recently married, 40's, almost passable, non-smoker. "Enjoy feeling feminine. Travel extensively, especially the Pacific Northwest. Wife tolerates. Educated friendly, pilot, physically active, computer literate. Like to correspond and meet couples, TVs for discussion, local activities."

TAMI DIANE (NE-M3284-K6480-70)
"I enjoy all that is feminine and wish to become more involved in the TV/TS community. Passable, 5'11", 37. Interested in making friends who are interested in our feminine ways. Intelligent, educated, and discreet. Enjoy going out en femme. Would like to meet sincere, understanding TV/TSs and genetic females for friendship."

DEE ANN W. (NE-M4647-K9711-70)
Member RCGA. MWM, 6'6", 46, lifelong closeted TV. "Looking for sensitive way to introduce my feminine side to my wife. Would like to get out and meet others who are in similar situations. Would like to hear from other tall TVs."

LOUISIANA (700- 714-)

ALICE HEBERT
(LA-NP-M2964-K5098-72)
Member Gulf Gender Alliance. "I am married to a very understanding, supportive wife, and am my most relaxed when I am a woman. I love being out among my sisters, and would welcome corresponding with them."

ARKANSAS (716- 729-)

JANA H. (S AR-NP-M2042-2442-72)
"Let's talk! Into dressing 12 years. Married, wife knows, helps, but not her thing. Late 50s, 5'7", 165. Former USAF pilot. Still working. Can't help it! Love it all, 38C to 5" heels. Into golf, photography, video. Possible meet in AR, MS, LA. Always respond to everyone. Do it!"

STEPHENIE RENÉE F.
(AR-M1841-K1998-72)
MWM, 5'8", 145, 38, brown hair/eyes. Interested in camping, bike riding, photography, learning, being and perfecting Stephanie. "Lifelong CD, married to a once supportive, semi-understanding wife. Enjoy shopping or just going out as Stephanie as much as possible. Pass well."

OKLAHOMA (730- 749-)

PAULA JOHNSON
(OK-P-M1620-K1367-69)
SWM TV, 40. Interested in music, computers, photography and bike riding. "Living with a non-supportive roommate which limits my dressing. Paula's wardrobe has moved from the closet back to being boxed in the garage. Would like to meet and exchange photos with other cross-dressers. Attended all Texas T Parties except '93."

GEE TRANSU
(OK-P-M4204-K7024-71)
A lady of a certain age, 5'11", 178. Loves high heels and dressy clothes. Enjoys dressing up and going to dinner with sisters. Interested in classical music, musical theater, literature, history and computers. E-mail welcome. Send E-mail via Internet, to: gee@regentdb.osrhe.edu."

GEORGIA HILBERT
(OK-P-M3108-K5304-70)
Member Tri-Ess, Delta Omega, Sigma Beta. Attended Texas T Party '92. MWM, 60's, retired. Wife accepts but not supporting. So-so passer, but going out since '91. Interested in outdoors, nature, homemaking, crossdressing and transsexualism. Hope to do some writing. "Like to meet/correspond with like-minded people."

TEXAS (750- 799-)

RENÉ FENNER
(TX-NP-M0989-K1401-71)
Vice President GCTC 1994. Early 60s, out of closet 15 years. Comfortable going most anywhere as René. Always trying to improve feminine image. Hobbies include amateur radio and fishing. Member Tri-Ess. Attended all Texas T Parties, Coming Together '87, '92, California Dreamin' '93. Interested in corresponding with those who share common interests.

JANE ELLEN FAIRFAX
(E TX-P-M1250-K1398-72)
Participant in many events. Chairman Tri-Ess Board, President Tau Chi Chapter, Staff Coördinator, Coming Together; WACS Honorary Woman Award; Texas T Party Outstanding Couple. 44, 6'2", chestnut hair, green eyes. Jane and her

wife Frances enjoy communicating with new couples and are committed to integrating crossdressing and family values.

DONNA E. MOBLEY
(TX-NP-M1734-K1897-71)
Member Tri-Ess. 40-something widower. Fanatic skier/racer, widely traveled, currently enjoying my second childhood.

CASEY COLE
(S TX-P-M1907-K2196-71)
Member ETVC, Boulton & Park, Austin Second Image. Hetero crossdresser living with accepting lady who participates in club events. "Designed and built my own house. Rebuilt '57 Chevy Nomad, '66 Nova, 1800ES Volvo."

BOBBIE KAYE
(TX-M2089-K8064-73)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Paradise in the Poconos, awarded Miss Engenue. MWM, TV, 44, 6', 200, supportive wife. Interested in playing golf, computers, BBS support. "Out and about cautiously. Enjoy my feminine side and share her with my wife (my best friend). Like to share experiences and thoughts with others."

MAXINE MCDONALD
(N TX-M2223-K2669-70)
Member Delta-Omega (Dallas). Attended Fantasia Fair (11 yrs.). Awards Ms. Most Helpful, Outreach Award. MWM, 6'2", 205, 22. Dress down, not up, sort of like your average real estate sales woman. Interested in theatre pipe organ, broadcasting, video production, streetcars, computers, and communications museum. "I know I don't pass, but I try to with class."

DANIELLE M.
(S TX-M2691-K4242-69)
MWM, college educated, semi-retired, 5'11", proportional weight. "Solo friendship/companionship sought with discreet responsible 50s professional person. Strong interest in CD/IFGE activities. Gentle quest, non-pressuring attitude. Drug-free, smoking OK. Good health and attitude. Corpus Christi, Texas only. Pluses would include walking, swimming, fishing, occasional golf."

CHERYL CLARK
(TX-P-M2116-K2510-69)
Member Austin Second Image. Attended Texas T Party, '90 & '91, '92, Coming Together '91, '92, Texas Seminar on Transgender Law & Employment Policy. 47, 5'9", 150, blond hair, blue eyes, accepted in public. Interested in celebrating femininity as Cheryl: shopping, restaurants. Love music, dancing, good conversation, honest people. Lecture on transgenderism at Austin Community College."

CAROL BAKER
(N TX-P-M2179-K2597-69)
Associate member of Dallas/Fort Worth Delta Omega. Attended all Texas T Parties. 5'11", 175, married with supportive family. "Outgoing. Not shy. Enjoy promoting crossgender lifestyles. Always try to present the best image possible. Love to go public, meet people, correspondence."

LIANA JAMES
(TX-M2949-K5062-69)
Bright, intelligent, happy and caring heterosexual TV. "Single, living alone and very interested in our crossdressing world. Hobbies include dressing en femme, photography, computers, travel and people who are fun to be with."

JEAN G. (TX-M3421-K6856-71)
Single, 71, 6', 160, gray hazel eyes. Never married. Crossdressed since childhood. TS inclinations. "Welcome correspondence from all, especially mature men. Collection of TV/TS/CD books, memorabilia, newspaper items. Complete copy of Christine Jorgensen articles that appeared in *American Weekly* in the '50s. AKA left leg due to WW II."

PHYLLIS RANDOLPH FRYE, ATTY (TX-P-M2940-K4963-69)
Member of GCTC. Organizer of first International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy. Out of Closet and successful transgendered attorney. Interested in helping people out of their closets, fighting myths and stereotypes, public speaking on our issues. "This is not '76 when I came out, this is 1992. Come out , come out. You are an okay person. Don't put up with the guilt and shame lie."

FRANCINE WILLIAMS
(TX-P-M3112-K5688-69)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta, Delta Omega. "Married, hetero, extremely supportive wife. Educated professional. Pass well. Enjoy everything feminine, especially fine lingerie and pretty dresses. Interested in photography, fashion, history, world travel, and the arts. Enjoy exchanging photos, helping other sisters, and sharing life's experiences. Am sometimes slow to respond."

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY
(TX-M3818-K6221-72)
GCTC, ReCast, TATS, Boulton & Park.

DEBBIE B.
(TX-P-M3921-K7883-69)
MWM, TV, bi. Novice at crossdressing. "Am interested in writing to others who are discreet. 5'10", 160, and trying to reduce to 14. My main goal is to feel comfortable being out in public as my hidden self. Will reply to all."

ELLEN CARLSON
(TX-P-M3174-K6055-69)
Single, 36, 5'11", 158, size 16. "Want to be TS real bad. Love being and dressing like a woman at home. Getting better at passing every day. Very feminine and loving. Looking for serious relationship with TS, SM or female. Photo if possible. (Formerly Stephanie Spiegel.)"

NANCY BAKER
(TX-P-M3186-K6109-71)
Member Boulton and Park. Attended Texas T Party '92, '93. Married hetero CD. "Wife knows, but has difficulty dealing with it. Am interested in meeting others for socializing and conversation. Like to correspond with others who have experienced or are interested in forced crossdressing and petticoat punishment."

DIANNA B. (TX-P-M3267-K6402-70)
Member of Boulton & Park, Tri-Ess. Attended Texas T Party '92. 6', 180, 45, brown hair and eyes. Interested in cooking, gardening, fishing, woodworking. "Out of closet Dec. '91. Have a supportive wife. Wish there were more hours in day so I would have more time to dress."

KAREN MITCHELL
(TX-M4403-K8758-72)
SWM, 5'7", 175, long-term CD. Attended

Texas T Party 1993. "Interested in meeting and corresponding with other gender people. Photos with letters appreciated."

JOYCE DIANE C.
(TX-P-M3272-K6417-71)
Attended Texas T Party. 5'8", 150, 33, TV/DQ that loves changing channels. "Having fun! Enjoy humorous, intelligent, conversation and correspondence, feminine apparel, and frou. I love bringing the feminine illusion to life, modeling for photography sessions. Musician/writer. Look forward to hearing from you."

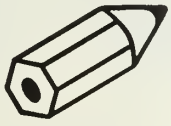
CHERYL L. BOLEN
(TX-P-M3629-K7747-71)
"Member of gender transition program as a TS. On hormones 8 months and enjoying the changes. 52, blue eyes, trim and proportionate to me 5'15" height. Tall Texas lady is artistic, educated professional, and interested in dating understanding men."

KIM HUNTER
(TX-NP-M3708-K8038-72)
Single, 30s, 5'7", blonde, blue, hormones since 7/1/92. Down to earth, loves animals, cooking, jazz to classical music, intimate conversation, good friends, helping others. Recently moved to the Rio Grande Valley in search of life and a stable relationship. Miss my farm, country life. "Where are all the Valley Girls?"

D. W. (TX-NP-M4055-K8790-70)
SWM. 5'11", 170, 22. Interested in shopping, movies, cooking, talking on phone, and all things feminine. "In closet TS. Would like to correspond with other TSs for support and friendship."

KIMBERLY-BLAIR S.
(TX-P-M4178-K1091-71)
5'9", 135, sophisticated TV/TS? "Looking for a sincere gentleman 35-40 who can make dreams come true. If you enjoy candle light, evenings by the fire, romantic walks, then just maybe, both our dreams can come true! Photo appreciated."

MARK J.
(TX-P-M4275-K2691-71)
31, M, self-employed, athletically fit, residing in Dallas. Seeks attractive TV, TS for friendship that could develop into a possible long-term relationship. All answered with letter and photo.



TIFFANY TAYLOR
(TX-P-M4460-K9001-69)
5'9", 165, 30. "Have an interest in everything about crossdressing. Love to attend FI shows and evenings on the town. Your photo gets my letter."

LINDA B. (TX-P-M4547-K9774-69)
Post-op TS, 5'7", 130, 28, 100% passable. "On hormones since age 15. Surgery at age 21. Would like to make friends with other TSs, men interested in TSs, or anyone. I can offer my experience and support. I believe we are all very special! Please write."

JOHN C. (TX-P-M4603-K10106-69)
SWM, 40, 5'10", 175, brown hair, blue eyes, educated, understanding of gender issues. "Seek feminine, passable pre-op TS or other TG person 21-45 for quality relationship. Willing to correspond or travel to meet those interested. Photo, phone number appreciated."

NORMA P. (TX-NP-4688-K10176-70)
STV, 50+, feels 25, 5'10", 180, brn hair, eyes. "Been on hormones for 2 years, but still not out of the closet. I sincerely love my femme self. I'm into photography, sewing, model railroads and old trains. Like lingerie and makeup. Will answer all who write. Enjoy being with other TV/TS/CDs."

JOAN R. (TX-P-M4699-K10389-70)
SWM, mature, 6'2", crossdresser. "Looking for friends near Houston, along Interstates between here and SE Michigan where I visit. Still deep in closet, but peeking out. Interests are theater, photography, music—jazz to classical, travel, sharing girl talk, advice, experiences and quiet evenings. Love to correspond with anyone, anywhere. Photo please."

BRITTA STONE
(TX-NP-M4773-K9846-71)
Serious TS. Hormones, electrolysis, long hair (it's mine)—everything but the operation. 5'10", 135, 30-something. Sense of humor, great smile (which photo fails to show), sultry (which it does), athletic, educated. "Love to samba!"

R. W.
(TX-NP-M4790-K10551-71)
"Would like to hear from all of you. Princess, the Temple of the Vampires."

COLORADO (800- 816-)

JILL DIAMOND
(CO-P-M2852-K4771-69)
SWM, 48, 5'7", 140, very passable. "Engaged to a supportive friend. I enjoy quiet evenings by the fire or evenings out on the town developing my femininity. I've been out of the main stream for a few years, just now getting back into the flow. *The best of both worlds.* Would like to correspond with other TV/TSs and their mates. Travel extensively."

GERI G. (CO-P-M3077-K5676-69)
MWM, hetero, 5'11", 180, 52. Interested in fishing, camping, movies, and music. Travel Rocky Mountain area. Love to go out dressed, but would like other CD friends to go out for dinner and a show. Write if you are looking for someone to go out dressed with, and if you enjoy life being a woman."

NANCY JANE S.
(CO-M4453-K9490-72)
SWTG/TS tendencies. 45, very passable, ladylike, sissified and petticoated, passive, quiet. Likes dating men. Women friends. Desires FT situation with right man or woman. "Would love to hear from TS, men, women for friendship. Can travel. Let's have fun. SW CO."

LORI DEE HARMON
(CO-P-M3105-K5692-69)
MWM, 39, 5'11", 190, 16. Enjoy hunting fishing, golf as time permits. Avid baseball and football fan. This is secondary to my love of being and feeling feminine. "Wife knows, not supportive. Love wearing lingerie, stockings, heels, and career dresses, skirts, blouses. Need help with makeup and wig. Ready to interact with my sisters and develop a passing image."

SHEETAH O.
(CO-P-M3638-K6276-72)
GWM, 6', 165, 46, blue/green eyes. Good sense of humor, shy with new people, outgoing rest of time. Submissive as a woman. Prefer glamour look. Long legs, trim, sensitive breasts.

MARLA B.
(CO-P-M4263-K5352-71)
Delta Chapter, Tri-Ess; GIC Colorado; Compuserve ABFH; GEnie Girl; AOL SWM, hetero, bi-gendered TV. Software designer, artist, writer, teacher, businesswoman, engineer and philosopher. "Enjoy dining, shows, music and sports. Delight in both the balance and the dichotomy of my male and female self. Welcome meeting and corresponding with others."

WYOMING (820- 831-)

MICHELLE INGLE
(WY-P-M3332-K1454-69)
Attended Coming Together. MWM, 34, 5'7", 140. Interested in movies, rock 'n' roll music, dancing, shopping, fashionable clothing. "Wife supportive and understanding. Enjoy going out as Michelle. Like to meet, correspond letters/photos."

LORI LARKIN
(WY-NP-M3229-K6287-70)
Member Tri-Ess, GIC, Denver, CO. Attended T Party '92-'94, California Dreamin' '93. Divorced, mid-40s, 5'6", slight build, 7/8. Interested in golf, fishing, Corvettes, shopping, and dressing. "Would love to spend more time as Lori, but am somewhat restricted by where I live. Looking forward to new experiences. Like corresponding with others. Travel, outings possible."

MARILYN MIRACLE
(WY-P-M4555-K7857-69)
Married, loving wife and family, hetero CD, 60s, physician, closeted. Pausing to reflect on what all this means. Writer, teacher, computer literate, large library, many interests. "Welcome e-mail. CompuServe: 72440,2420. Please write. Eager for friends who crossdress and value their feminine persona. Help me learn. I can help you."

IDAHO (832- 838-)

DAVI BRIGGS
(ID-NP-M2078-K2472-72)
TV with strong TS tendencies, S, 5'11", 155, mid-40's, brown eyes, brown hair. "Like to hear from other sisters who are not afraid to step out of the closet, go shopping at the mall, for groceries, etc."

BONNIE M. (ID-P-M4124-K8917-70)
Single pre-op TS, 5'10", 150. Interested in Native American culture, museums, mountains, fishing, hunting, camping, archery, photography, travel, meeting new people. On hormones since '79, electrolysis complete, saving money for surgery, breast augmentation. Living full time since '85. Want to meet couples, men, women, TV/TSs for friendship, dating, explain mutual interests, relationship."

KRISTINE TANNER
(ID-P-M4705-K10402-70)
Attended Texas T Party '94. DWM, late 20s, 5'11", 160, 14. Interested in fly

fishing, camping, travel, shopping and attending more events in the transgendered community. "I just came out for the first time and have much to learn. Would like to correspond with other TV/TSs, especially in the NW."

WANDA S. (ID-M3238-K6335-70)
SWM, 50. Interested in autos, fishing, reading, and music. "Starting to more thoroughly explore my femininity. Would like to meet/correspond with other TV/TSs in ID, OR, WA, area."

MICKIE ANN S.
(ID-M3842-K2868-69)
Mid-40's, 6', 200, MWM, brown hair and eyes. Interested in camping, mountains, hunting, rafting, cooking, and dressing up. "Love to dress when I can. Have never been out, but want to learn all I can. Like to meet/correspond with others."

UTAH (840- 847-)

MARY ANN L.
(UT-P-M2120-K1458-71)
Participant: Texas T Party, Fall Harvest, IFGE, Holiday En Femme. DW, TV/TG, 36, 5'8", 155. "Fairly passable. Would love to hear from people in the SLC and Utah area. Like to develop friendships with women who find TGs fascinating."

ROBIN J. (UT-M3339-K6618-70)
34 D/W/CD/TV/TS/? "Am very interested in corresponding/meeting others. I'm interested in music, shopping, outdoors and comedy clubs. I've started accepting myself as I am. Would like to meet others who can see me in the same light. Look forward to attending first convention. Would like to know what to expect."

LINDA W. (UT-P-M3930-K5354-70)
Member GIC of Denver. Attended Fantasia Fair '92, IFGE Convention '93. MWM, 47, pre-op TS. Goal is SRS late '93. Interested in travel, nondrinker, nonsmoker, gardening, clothes, shopping. "Want to correspond with TSs and women who find TSs interesting. Living full time as a woman now. Would like to meet and talk with TS to discuss how to cope with children, one 2, one 6, and transition."

LEIA CHEIQUE
(UT-M3392-K6840-69)
Lifetime CD, mid-40s. Travel extensively throughout the US on business. Member TCNE. "Visited Renaissance. Enjoy dining, theater, and social contacts en femme. Desire to meet sisters all over country."

DESTINY D. (UT-P-4247-K9545-72)
SW hetero CD, 33, 5'5", 119, with TS tendencies. "Would like info about local TS programs, support groups, etc. Hormones since 1/93. Professional Fed. Born to shop, love the outdoors, flirtatious clothes and British sports cars. Semi-closeted. Would like help in becoming more passable."

ARIZONA (850- 864-)

JENNIFER E. SAMSOL
(AZ-P-M1056-K1467-70)
Member A Rose. DWM, 6', 175, 46, warm, caring, open professional. Interested in cooking, all music except hard rock, metaphysics, hunting, fishing, computers, camping en femme, sunsets, horses, and dogs. "Fond of gold clothes, heels, and blonde hair, but also enjoy tight Levi skirts and tight blouses, etc. Travel quite a bit. Please write."

LAURIE K. (AZ-M2777-K4607-72)
TV, 5'7", 130, slender, feminine figure, pass easily, considered realistic and attractive. Enjoy being sophisticated, fashionable woman of good taste. Interested in art, theater, literature, antiques, architecture, interior design, music, vintage wines, and fashions. "Love to meet/write passable CDs in Phoenix area, elsewhere. Not interested in men!"

TOMMIE F.
(E AZ-P-M1158-K1453-72)
"Lifelong CD has large collection of panties and bras in all styles and colors. Want to hear from serious lingerie collectors. Looking for undies from 1930-1960. Like minis, bosomy look. real passion for heels, hosiery, and lingerie. Lke to correspond with TV 's, exchange photos / lingerie."

DAGNY T. (AZ-NP-M3268-K6393-71)
Member A Rose, Alpha Zeta. Hetero CD, 30s. "Former President of Alpha Zeta. Christian Libertarian. Pass okay in public. Seeking GG open to CD lifestyle. Email: 75056, 100 CompuServe."

TRISH NICOLE THOMAS
(AZ-P-M3320-K6584-70)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta, A Rose. 5'9", 30ish. Attended Holiday En Femme, '93. Single, college degreed, sense of humor, and open-minded. "Former California/Colorado girl. Now a Desert Dudette. Out regularly with the Valley Girls, for sure. Enjoy FI shows, movies, sports, snow skiing, and working out. SASE works best."

RASHEL RICHARDS
(AZ-P-M4084-K8769-70)
Member Tri-Ess. Single, hetero transgenderist. Interests: SCUBA diving, underwater photography, travel, everything feminine. "Love to network with serious sisters. Own apparel new /resale shop catering to the gender community."

KASSANDRA G.
(AZ-P-M4269-K0263-71)
Local MAGGIE affiliate. MWM, CD 44, 5'11", 175, blonde, blue eyes. "Like all types of music, corresponding with and meeting other CDs and women who enjoy the companionship of CDs. Enjoy going to clubs and public places as a woman. Also being with real women while dressed. Look forward to new acquaintances."

TOMMIE P. (AZ-P-M4482-K9695-69)
MWM, hetero TV, 37, 5'10", 185. Interested in cars, outdoors, bicycling, long walks, shopping, writing about my CD experiences. "Novice TV cautiously venturing into wonderful feminine world. Love to meet and correspond with other TV/TS and women who can be of support. Write to all who send photo."

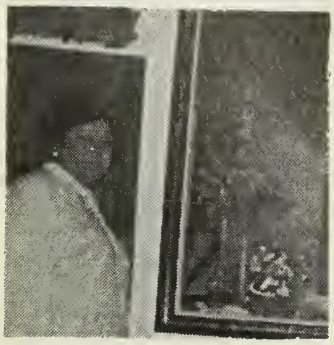
CINDY N. (AZ-M4047-K8782-70)
Member Alpha Zeta, A Rose. SWM, divorced, 5'7", size 18, early 50's. Inter-

ested in photography, computers, desert 4-wheeling, and, of course, shopping. "Enjoy meeting new people. Have been editor of *Cactus Flower* for three years, and still like doing it!"

REBECCA B.
(AZ-NP-M4791-K1362-70)
Member Alpha Zeta, Tri-Ess. "I am 63 years old and 5'10", 210, TV. Interested in being involved with other TV/CDs. I work with wood building southwest furniture. Would like to hear from sisters."

NEW MEXICO (870- 884-)

RHONDA V.
(NM-P-M4616-K10151-70)
5'9", 140, dark brown long hair. Interested in being as feminine as possible, dressing conservatively. "Enjoy my feminine side and work hard at passing. I pass well, have great legs, and love to show them off by wearing short skirts and high heels. Would love to hear from and perhaps meet GGs, passable CD/TSs."



RITA CLARKE
(NM-NP-M4819-K7743-71)
MWM, 43, 195, TV with TS tendencies. "Enjoy conversation, movies, music, travel, and helping other TVs. Lifelong TV. I love everything that it takes to be a female. Would like to help others for it's a great life to be femme outside that closet. Slow, but will answer. Trade photos."

DEBRA NICHOL K.
(NM-M4789-K1292-71)
Gentle TV interested in meeting similar minded girls or boys in north (LA-SF) area who are tired of macho scene. 47, 12, learning to pass. "Let's get acquainted."

RENEE G. (NM-M4200-K7141-71)
33, 5'8", 145, closet CD. "Love heels, hose, lace and lingerie. Interested in corresponding, photo exchange, and meeting some new friends. Will answer all."

NEVADA (890- 898-)

BRIANNE B. (NV-M2681-K4276-71)
TS, 5'8", 130, brown hair, eyes. Interested in computers, business electronics, women's fashions. "I love being a woman and a lady. I'm looking for a support group in the Las Vegas area, or someone I can talk to."

SUSAN BALLINGER
(NV-P-M3999-K8467-69)
"Hi, I'm Susan, an attractive, 30ish hetero TV, intelligent and sensitive. Interested in meeting feminine female for friendship and romance. Would also enjoy friendship and correspondence with TV/TSs. Like skiing, hiking, sailing, outdoor interests. Love living en femme and sharing this with the right person."

DIANA T. (NV-M4005-K8611-70)
MWM CD, 6'1", 175, 40s, professional, wife very supportive. "Looking for CD/TV-friendly couple to help us unravel the mysteries of our secret world. I also collect lingerie-advertising items, and would love to hear from other collectors, will purchase/trade. Discreet meetings possible in Las Vegas or elsewhere."

HENRY O. (NV-M4099-K8884-70)
Single, hetero male, non-CD, 6'4", 240-60, seeks exchange of dialog with community. "Very people-oriented Christian. Have worked within the community. I am familiar with the community and individual needs. Photo appreciated!"

CALIFORNIA (900- 960-)

LAURA R. COVINGTON
(CA-P-M0480-K1659-69)
DBM, Hetero, 45, 5'8", 145, attractive, sincere, friendly. Enjoys fashion, music, movies, photography, reading, and sports. "Would like to correspond with and meet TV/TSs, and ladies who understand. No men. Enjoy making new friends throughout the US."

ELIZABETH C. JOHNSON
(CA-NP-M1030-K1527-71)
30-something, post-op engineer. "Enjoy gardening, cooking, music, mall hopping, fashion, UFO searching, electronic designing and redesigning professional television systems. Daytime television soap fanatic (*Young and the Restless*). In the southern 'Rock and Roll' California area."

MARLENE L.
(S CA-NP-M1036-K1602-72)
"I am a member of the Alpha and Tri Chi Chapters of Tri-Ess. Attended Holiday en Femme in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Atlanta; California Dreamin'; Pajaro Dunes; Lake Tahoe events. Am 61, working full time, play a lot of tennis. single."

BETSY B.
(N CA-M1104-K1692-72)
Member STVC, NWGA, SGA, RGA, Tri-Ess. Participant Dreams, Coming Together, Tahoe Femme Flings. DWM, older TV with long experience of crossdressing. "I enjoy depicting a well-dressed, dignified older lady befitting my age. Enjoy parties and association with other CDs. Will answer correspondence."

LORRAINE HALL
(CA-P-M1150-K1648-72)
"A senior lady traveling down the long, arduous trail from male to female would love to hear from anyone interested in leaning on an ancient, but soft feminine shoulder."

JEAN F. (CA-P-M1291-K1589-70)
Lifelong dresser, 63, little experience out. "Avid reader and collector of reading material. Into computer video, many CD and she-male. Would trade or sell books. Do some public speaking (12-step program), bicycle and snow ski (racing). Need plenty of guidance. Let's write and share."

SHARYN BETH MINSUK
(N CA-P-M1472-K7809-69)
SWM, Bi-TV, 33, 150, 6'0", long hair, currently in electrolysis. "Formerly Sharyn Stevens, but boyself has finally accepted femme self into the family! Interested in dates, NOT penpals (no time to write). Attractive, relaxed, nonsmoking compan-

ions sought, SF Bay area, for movies, conversation, sharing fantasies. Male female, or TV/TS. Also interested in dating TV/TS as Steve."

KAREN R.
(CA-NP-M1514-K1234-72)
Member Neutral Corner. Attended Texas T Party '92, '93; California Dreamin' '94. "I write comedy for the community, ideas are appreciated. If you poke fun at our community and still feel comfortable about yourself, love to hear from you!"

KATE GOLDMAN
(CA-NP-M1652-K0760-70)
5'8", 158, 46, very discreet TV, supportive wife. "Recently moved to California. Enjoy computers, photography, ultra-light flying and all aspects of affecting a feminine persona. Rarely out in public, but my self-confidence is growing. Enjoy corresponding . Like to find a south Ventura County girl or two. Photo appreciated."

DONNA FREEMAN
(N CA-P-M1664-K1819-71)
Member DVG, ETVC, Tri-Ess, RGA, NWGA. Co-Founder of Diablo Valley Girls. Participant Holiday En Femme, Pajaro Dunes, Coming Together '89, Dignity Cruise I. MWM hetero TV, 47 5'9", 160, 16, warm, caring, sensitive; usually passable. "Enjoy good food, friends and conversation; computers, shopping and all things feminine. Lifelong CD, public for 6 years. Understanding and actively supportive wife."

STACY C. (CA-P-M1806-K1961-71)
Married CD, 40s, 6'(she 5'7"), auburn, green (both of us). "We attended California Dreamin' '93. Psych graduate student studying gender issues—specifically the root cause of TV/TS/CD. 'Is there a predictive measure for identifying this behavior before adulthood?' Love limited correspondence with intelligent, open people. Include P/P for faster response."

RACHAEL D.
(N CA-P-M1811-K1957-71)
Member ETVC, RGA, DVG. 55 TV. Tolerant wife, family knows. "Active in many groups, enjoy going out doing regular activities dressed best of all. Pass well. Dress conservatively and often. Would love to go to work en femme. Actually, my wardrobe is 80% female. Me, too! Grin!"

ELIZABETH BLAIR
(S CA-P-M1927-K2214-69)
39, 5'10", 165, size 14/16. "Fun, caring and sensitive. Attractive, full feminine figure. Pass well enough to enjoy going out. Interested in shopping, cooking, computers, photography and anything feminine. Photo appreciated."

MELISSA M. FOSTER
(S CA-P-M2099-K1518-69)
Cute white TV enjoys working in the community and helping others. "I travel to most of the conventions and also on business a lot. Enjoy meeting and corresponding with others who have the same interests. Drop me a note and let's get together and go out on the town."

AYNN H.
(CA-P-M2117-K2511-70)
6'4", brown hair, hazel eyes, beautiful legs. Interested in walks in gardens, heady conversations, movies, crossdressing, dining out, theater, reading. "Bi and would enjoy writing or telephone conversations with other TVs 35-45 years old, who live in the South Bay area of LA. Let's get together for the sheer fun of crossdressing."

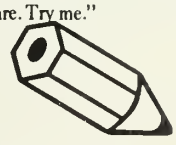
ARLENA ROSE
(CA-P-M2273-K2847-70)
Member of ETVC. Attractive bi-TG, 5'6", 12, shaved body, brown hair, blue eyes, sense of humor, intelligent, loving, sensitive, caring. Would prefer to live in female gender and is attracted to same. Feminine TV/TS/GGs, select novice TVs or couples. "The depth of caring can only be measured by the pleasure received."

LISA HUNTER
(CA-M2112-K2522-72)
TV/TS. "Have lived as a woman most of my life, except for one year (last). Starting to live as a female again."

JANELLE & DIANA S.
(CA-P-M2327-K3024-69)
Married heterosexual couple. Enjoy meeting and corresponding with others interested in music, literature, travel. Hobbies include needlecrafts, home decorating, computers, and movies. Interested in providing moral support for those still in the closet. "Everyone needs friends."

ROXANNA ROCHETTE
(N CA-P-M2350-K3063-70)
Member ETVC, DVG. Married redheaded TV, with open lifestyle and actively supportive wife. 5'11", 170, forever 39. Interested in art, photography, fashion, modeling, and erotica. "'We are who we pretend to be.' Interested in correspondence, friendship and meeting anyone who is sincere to practice the art of gender illusionism."

CONNIE Y. (CA-M2988-K5143-70)
Retired military, 54, 5'10", queen size. "Lifelong interest, recently out to enthusiastically supportive wife. Enjoy cars, bikes, pumping iron, sexy CDs and the beach at night. Learning computers and woodworking, employed in automotive field. Lousy correspondent, but will try harder. Super security conscious as rest of family is unaware. Try me."



LORI CALLWAY
(SW CA-P-M2586-K3755-71)
5'6", thin. Interested in old movies, '60s rock (esp. Beatles), reading history, mysteries, and photography sessions en femme. "I love being feminine, and being around others who share similar interests. But, it's more than just a physical thing, it's a state of mind. Interested in relationships with sincere people. Want to share experiences. Would love to meet GG/TS/TVs."

KRIS M. (C CA-P-M2713-K4340-71)
CD, 35, 5'8", brown hair/eyes. "Sensitive and caring. Love everything feminine. Crossdressing since age 5. Will correspond to anyone who shares an interest in being feminine. Would appreciate letters, photos. Thanks."

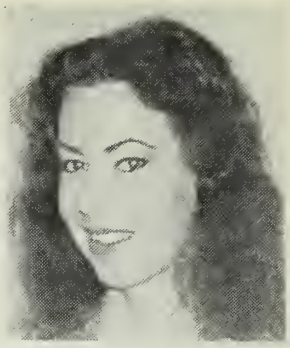
BARBARA ANN B.
(CA-M2510-K3598-70)
Member Tri-Ess, Neutral Corner, Born Free, Powder Puffs.

LUCY ANN JONES
(CA-P-M2833-K4704-72)
Member ETVC. Blue eyes, long auburn hair, 6'1", 180, post-op M-F (12-21-82) Biber Girl, 16T, self-employed computer consultant, voice coaching, and astrology. "Pisces sun sign, moon, Scorpio rising, something with Aries. Bi-lesbian in relationship with genetic female for eight years. Your SASE and photo gets mine."

CHELSEA BROWN
(CA-P-M2934-K4993-69)
34, 6', hazel eyes, red hair (sometimes). Interested in computers, reading (and writing) fiction. "I am still trying to find out who Chelsea is, and a means to get rid of 5 inches, 30 pounds and 10 years."

MARY ANNE S.
(CA-P-M3030-K5498-69)
Member ETVC, RGA. 5'8", 160, 14, SW hetero TS, 42. Interested in science, astronomy, cooking, gardening, music. "Reentry student in engineering, doing well thanks to new sense of self-esteem, and thanks to support from my bi-gendered sisters and brothers. I would enjoy corresponding with anyone from our bi-gendered community."

JOSEPHINE C.
(CA-P-M3137-K5115-69)
"Black, hetero CD, 5'10", 195, married to a loving Japanese woman who understands my need to crossdress. Very shy, and would like to come out of the closet. Profession prevents it. Enjoy mathematics, chess, computers and Japanese. Would love to make friends with CD/TV/TS/TG. Sexual orientation not a problem."



JULIE R. (CA-P-M3152-K5943-70)
34, pre-op M-F TS. "Am thinking of having voice modification surgery. Would like to hear from anyone who has had voice surgery or knows someone who has had it. Hopefully, Dr. Meyers' surgery."

BILLIE JEAN JONES
(CA-P-M3205-K6197-99)
Member ETVC, DVG, RGA, SGA, CGNIE, SLCC. Attended ETVC Cotillion, Fantasia Fair, Miss ETVC 1992. Late 30's (like 45), 6', 150, children (23, 20), 2nd marriage (whadda year!), Androgyne, gender bender, numerous scars, offbeat personality. Interests, blabbing, writing, photography, music, discovering diversity, living fully, making a difference, laughing. Publish *TV Guise* - Contributors welcome. "This is real life."

CHARLENE HUNTER
(CA-P-M3460-K7122-71)
Member ETVC, DVG, NWGA. Post-op TS, 55, 5'11", 162. "Enjoying life in N CA wine country. Non-smoker, hazel eyes, auburn hair. Caring person. Interested in travel, vintage autos, C & W music, sewing, gardening, make some of my own clothes. Looking for sincere friendship with open-minded individual leading to possible relationship."

KATRINA REED
(CA-P-M3677-K7999-71)
TG, 43, Bi, androgynous, on hormones. Lifelong CD, supportive wife. "Delight in all that is soft and feminine. Fascinated by the issues of transformation of consciousness, magic and shamanism implicit in crossdressing historically. Counter-culture orientation. Teacher of Buddhism, Meditation and Deep-ecology. Would love to hear from others, especially in S CA."

BOBBI B. (CA-NP-M3693-K8021-72)
Tri-Ess/Androgyny/California Dreamin'/Texas T. "Accepting wife. Tall, late 50s. Looks/acts much younger. Fun, spirited, hot, playful, sexy. Actress. Loves mini-skirts, heels, modeling—to dance/play. go shopping/clubs with new sisters. Just starting, but on fast track. Ooooh, I just love it all. West LA area."

ANNA C. (CA-M3110-K5689-69)
SWM, 31, 6'. "Coming out very slowly. Desire correspondents in Santa Cruz/San Jose area. Into the erotic aspects of transvestism. No desire to pass or go public, currently. Ciao!"

CHERYL BEAUMONT
(CA-M3269-K6455-70)
Member ETVC. Busy professional, single, enjoy the hobby, only go for the complete look. "Finishing electrolysis this summer. Would be interested in swapping letters or, if you are on Compuserve, drop by the HSX-200 forum for a chat."

LAURA RODGERS
(CA-M3627-K7688-71)
58, 5'10", 165, have nice figure. Like trips to the beach, vintage cars, sewing with machine, music. "Dress appropriately for my age, greyish wig, stylish clothes, etc. Wife supportive, never seen me dressed. Still in closet. Will answer all mail."

PATSY A. (CA-P-M3710-K8054-72)
Member ETVC. MWM, TV, tax accountant, 44. "Like softball, biking, camping, family outings, and, of course, dressing when possible. Support gender groups, but not dressing in public. Host tea parties with female friends. Like to correspond with North Bay/SF TVs and friends."

TINA H. (CA-NP-M4104-K8886-70)
Member SGA. "Hi, my name is Tina. I enjoy corresponding and meeting TV/TSs. Also enjoy exchanging photos and life experiences. Please write and send photo. I will return with same."

PAMELA A. MILLER
(CA-P-M4107-K8760-71)
Member Tri-Ess. 5'8", 155, 14, 53. Interested in service groups, helping others, music (all kinds), old movies, Star Trek (new one), walking on the beach, clothes shopping, my jacuzzi, practicing makeup, my own long hair (blondes do have more fun), dancing (all kinds), long dresses. "Recently came out. Wow! Please write."

CHARLI RICHARDS
(CA-M4068-K8799-70)
Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 6'+, 215, 60+, non-smoker, wife unaccepting. "Have not allowed myself to accept femme side until recently. Am learning. Finding that there are other sisters who are most supportive and cordial has been very helpful. Dress when able. Will answer all. Enjoy and encouraged with contacts with sisters."

MARY R. (CA-P-M4140-K8927-70)
"Like to meet Cds in Bay area; NS. Love heels, dancing, partying. I've been dressing up for 10 years. Want to socialize and go out more. I really have an appreciation for you dressed up. Write so we can talk by phone, correspond, or meet."

LYNDA CLARE MERCY
(CA-NP-M4210-K7303-71)
Member of RAVENUS. "I'm a poor lady, workin' hard, Mad Woman-wild card, Grandmother-flyin' free, beloved wife, livin' happily, Forever now we are, Here at home - near or far. Heart, Love Spirit, Be! YESES - wee bee. (Joyus Godus) (original music) Starving artist!"

LINDA LEE
(CA-P-M4411-K9187-69)
Member RGA, Diablo Valley Girls, ETVC, Sacramento Gender Association. President Northstate Gender Association and Girl Flyers. "Been out since January '93. Discovered associations and marched with ETVC in the San Fran parade. I want to thank all those who made this possible."

JAMIE H. (CA-P-M4532-K7546-70)
Blue eyed, 44, lifelong CD. Looks and thinks years younger. 5'7", 150. "I'm 25% into electrolysis and will begin hormones spring '94. Enjoy music, sports, outdoors and feminine attire. Would love to meet understanding women and new friends within the gender community."

MICHELLE DAVIS
(CA-P-M4644-K10253-70)
Lifelong crossdresser, 34, tall and passable. Caring, sensitive, love art, movies, rock 'n' roll. "Have spent the last year with my wonderful soul-mate exploring my feminine self. Like to meet other CDs and possibly form a group on the central California coast. Go out in LA, SF often."

LAURA H. (CA-P-M4674-K10348-70)
Member Born Free. 38, TG. "Love playing and listening to music, intimacy, romance, writing and reading. Would love to correspond with TG/TV/TSs from all over. Meetings possible in S. California."

JOANNA NICHOLS
(CA-M4727-K10454-70)
"Part-time TV wants to become full time TS. Willing to do anything asked to achieve my goal. Anyone that can help transform and guide me out of the closet and into womanhood, please contact me. Am single and can relocate anywhere in US to accommodate your needs and desires. Will answer all who respond."

JANET D. NICHOLS
(CA-P-M4736-K6663-70)
Member ETVC, co-founder DVG. 45, 5'9", 145, light brown frosted, WM CD for 10 years. Interests stereo, video photography and computers. "Like socializing and meeting people, especially interested in education and helping others to come out. Love writing and doing what I can to help our community be better understood by the public."

CAROLYN C.
(CA-NP-M4761-K10758-70)
6', 180, early 50s, looks younger. Interested in sunbathing, sailing, art and craft. "Lifelong CD. Married. Wife knows. Need help, encouragement to come out. Would like to join other transgender groups."

PAULA R. STEELE
(CA-NP-M4845-K7640-71)
Member Neutral Corner. 5'10", blonde, blue eyes, extremely honest, discreet, isolated and alone. Pre-op. "I've worked and cross-lived for 4 years. Seek long-term friendships with loving, caring people. Enjoy country-western music, movies, malling. I know I'm not the only lonely person out here, right?"

ANN SMITH (CA-M4351-K9593-72)
San Diego area member Neutral Corner.

SWM, 55, 5'10", 180, grad. degree, unshockable, 14/16, big wardrobe, world traveler, computers, writer, Spanish bilingual speaker. Dress all the time. Very spiritual, metaphysical. Travel the US.

HAWAII (& ISLANDS) (967- 969-)

SHERI SUZANNE THOMAS
(HI-NP-M4862-K6291-71)
42, 5'9". "Crossdressing since childhood. Passable. Have TS inclinations. Adore everything feminine. Would love to take hormones and live full-time as a woman. But, still in closet. Play guitar. Interested in music (rock and classical) and art."

TRACY ANN RYAN
(HI-M2180-K2598-69)
Member Hawaii Transgendered Outreach. "M-FTG. As president of our local gender organization, I am very active in Hawaii's T community. Although I no longer have time to maintain penpal correspondence, I will write to those inquiring about our group or issues concerning the formation of groups elsewhere."

OREGON (970- 979-)

ELLEN SUMMERS
(OR-P-M0382-K1703-72)
IFGE Board of Directors, Vice-Chrprsn Board of Directors, Chrprsn Nominations Committee. Member NWGA, ETVC, Emerald City. Awards "DREAM" Grand Dame '83, IFGE Trinity '91. 5'10", 185. "Been part of our community 17 years. Enjoy travel, big band era music, being Ellen, shopping for Ellen. Wish to help new girls. My family knows of Ellen, and understands."

RHONDA F. (OR-M2708-K4343-71)
42, 5'10", 165, still in closet. "Wife knows and is tolerant. Small town paranoia. Like traveling in Oregon and most outdoor activities. Love lingerie and TV fiction books, and have large collection of both. Love catalogue shopping."

JAN C. (OR-M3514-K7221-70)
MWM, 5'10", 170, 60+. Computer nut. Interested in dressing, easy listening music, travel. "Want to meet other CDs. Will write all. Wife non-supportive, so need someone to talk to and learn from."

RONI LANG
(OR-NP-M3599-K7624-72)
Member NWGA. SWM. Interested in bowling, waterskiing, snowskiing, photography, travel, dancing, theater. "Enjoy all activities as Roni. Enjoy being out and about in town. Have appeared on several television and radio talk shows. Captain of the bowling team."

MICHAEL/MICHELLE T.
(OR-M4211-K9494-71)
33, SBM, TV, 5'9", 151. "Fun, sensitive, sincere, and attractive. Enjoy a full feminine figure. Love *all* things feminine! Have enjoyed crossdressing in the closet all my life. I'm coming out! Would love to have many, many girlfriends. No picture, yet. Looking to meet like-minded people in Portland area for sharing, support."

WASHINGTON (980- 994-)

MICHELLE DANIELS
(WA-M3532-K7254-71)
5'8", 165, long red hair, green eyes, 40. Interested in '50's, '60's, '70's cars, seeing new places, meeting new and all great people in our special ways. "Not much in the way of support groups or the likes around here. Have to go a ways, but still do dress and love it. Love to correspond with others. Travel continental US part of summer. Will answer all."

LINDA LOUISE S.
(WA-M4001-K8609-70)
Feminine MWM/Lesbian TV, loves beauty in nature, art, music, and interpersonal relationships. Unsupportive spouse restricts life for now. Seeks feminine MtoF TV or F who is loving, gentle, upbeat, sense of humor, and shares some of my interests: good music, reading, stimulating conversation, and romance; for friendship now and commitment later."

JUDY OSBORNE
(WA-P-M1024-K1719-72)
Member Emerald City, NWGA, Tri-Ess. Enjoy sailing, reading, sports, cooking. "Learning to sew, but not very good yet. Love being out in the world doing the things other women do and having fun."

SANDY S. (WA-P-M1022-K1728-71)
Member Emerald City. Participant Esprit '90, '91, VP of Emerald City. 185, M, blond, blue eyes, 47. Interested in CD, boating, computers, camping, flying. "Enjoy going out and doing the town. Would like to meet others, wives too. Passable. Been to several very public affairs and look forward to more. Want to be accepted as the middle-aged lady I am."

MELISSA LEEANN P.
(WA-NP-M2102-K2505-72)
"Pre-op TS, living full-time for over a year. Interested in collecting dolls, sewing, calligraphy, model railroading and stamps. Enjoy my new life as a woman. Will answer all letters."

JASON CROMWELL
(WA-M3828-K1722-69)
Member of Ingersoll Gender Center. Attended Coming Together '91, '92, Southern Comfort '91, '92. FTM, 40, active in gender community for past nine years. Interested in anthropology, art, music (rock to open), literature, riding a motorcycle. "Interested in corresponding with other FTMs and female TVs. Sometimes slow to reply, but will answer all."

TRACI S. (WA-NP-M2942-K7835-69)
SWF 33, 5'2", 108. Recent graduate (2/94) of Trinidad University (finally anatomically correct!) "Thank you Merissa and IFGE, Rev. Canon Jones and GICNE/XX Club, Dr. Biber and the staff at MSR Hospital. I'm finally alive, well, and enjoying life! Will answer all letters with a SASE. Thank you."

EMILY THOMAS
(WA-P-M3119-K5669-69)
Member Emerald City, Tri-Ess. 5'7", 155, 52, brown hair and eyes. Married 25 years to an understanding woman. Interested in sewing, weaving, spinning, computers, wood working, plants, and reading. Enjoy working with other CDs on the Emerald City Hot Line and write occasionally to sisters in the NW who are patient with my slow responses."

GERRI BECKEN
(WA-P-M3230-K6299-71)
6'0", 170, 39, single CD/TV. Like reading romance and science fiction, bicy-

cling, long walks, dressing. "Wish to meet and/or correspond with other sisters. Enjoy dressing and occasionally going out in public. Only occasionally able to enjoy my feminine self."

CASSANDRA OWENS
(WA-P-M3868-K4261-70)
26, 5'6", 135, hetero CD. Attended Esprit '93 and Fall Harvest '93. "I find crossdressing to be a great escape from the pressures of the real world. Enjoy photography, fashion, and being accepted as real woman in public. I warn you, I am a terrible correspondent, but I will try."

LORRIE T. (WA-M4057-K7891-70)
MWM, smoker, 47, 5'7", 135. Interests: outdoors, animals, reading computers. Supportive wife. "I love all things feminine: lingerie, makeup, wigs, nails. Love to dress. Want to correspond and eventually dress with others in area who enjoy dressing one-on-one. I am new, nervous, and need help. Photo would be nice."

JESSIE H. (WA-P-M4668-K10333-70)
Member Ingersoll Gender Center, Emerald City, Lesbian Resource Center. 42, lesbian, 5'11", 170, loves animals, doing arts and crafts, toys, the beach. "Wants: M2F, TGs who are sweet and gentle. Diversity honored, open minds, positive energy. Don't want: masculine behaviors, anger, criticism, loud, bossy, racists, sexist, conformists, closed minds, negative energy. I love you!"

ALASKA (995- 999-)

SUZANNE TAYLOR
(AK-M2422-K3304-71)
Married, 38, CD, 6'2", eyes of blue, 140. "Just attended Coming Together in Portland as my first event. Looking forward to seeing all of the beautiful people that I met there in Atlanta in '95! A special thanks to Yvonne, Veronica, and Stephanie for making my first time a great time!"

NORA JEAN YORK
(AK-P-M1425-K1744-70)
Founder Berdache Society, Identity, Equal, Congress of Representatives. 1st Berdache Princess, Princess Imperial Court of all Alaska, Speak Out America, Alternative Medicine Advocates, Coronations '89, '90, '91, '92, '93. "Am finally enjoying being the woman I was meant to be. A friendly, happy TS in transition. Studying aroma therapy, herbalism, Goddess Worship and Wicca."

BOBBIE WENDY TUCEY
(AK-P-M3314-K6591-71)
Member Berdache Society, Alaskan T-People. Attended Alaska Coronation '92, '93. WHM, 51, 5'5", 135. supportive wife and grown and gone children. Interested in computers, art, play guitar and flute. "Spend all my non-work time as a woman, and go out a lot. Love to communicate. Please write. Photo appreciated."

CANADA

ROBYN V. (CAN-P-2449-K3392-70)
Member of Toronto CDC, Gender Mosaic, Ottawa. Hetero TV, 48, married with family. Interested in theater, classical and other music, skiing, and motor yachting. "Robyn has found herself! She loves to shop and dine and enjoy others en femme. Travel to New York, Ottawa, Toronto, other cities. Maybe we can get together sometime. Photo appreciated."

KAREN FOX
(CAN-P-M3140-K5888-69)
Attended Fantasia Fair since '92. Hetero CD, 5'9", 145, 40ish. Interested in computers, books, stockings, and high heels. "Been a crossdresser since I was a teenager. I enjoy the feel of stockings against my hairless legs. Enjoyed travelling to spend a week in Provincetown and emerging as Karen." Singhampton. I love people to drop in."

MICHELLE JOHNSON
(CAN-P-M3165-K1754-70)
"Enjoy fine dining, theatre, live musicals and doing anything mainstream. Feel completely 'right' in the female mode. Get out regularly day or night. Texas T and Esprit, trip to Las Vegas with 3 friends was the best. 5'7", 52, 12, 40s. Tolerant spouse."

ERICA JAYNE R.
(CAN-P-M3323-K6583-70)
Attended 1988 Coronation Ball in Vancouver. 5'10", 170, single. Friendly, fun, and outgoing. Interested in flying, motorcycling, all things feminine. "Love going out as Erica. Friends know about her. Looking for people for friendship and girl-talk. Open, honest, and discreet. Would like to hear from others, especially in the Vancouver and Seattle area. Photo and phone appreciated."

JENNIFER BLAKE
(CAN-P-M3385-K6790-71)
Married, 29, very supportive wife, passable, love shopping as a female. "Love to write about my adventures in detail. Have written multiple part fantasy stories. Married 1990 en femme, with gown and ensemble. Love prom, bridesmaid and bridal fashions. Would love to hear from sisters everywhere. Promise prompt response to all."

GABRIELLE P.
(ON CAN-M2918-K4997-69)
63, 6'3", muscular, walk daintily in heels in spite of size. Interested in high fashion shoes & lingerie. "In order to meet other TVs, I operate a bed & breakfast inn in my old schoolhouse/home in

KRISTY BEVERLY LYNN
(CAN-P-M3502-K7186-72)
Member Chicago Gender Society, Prairie Rose Gender Club. Attended Be All '92, '93, '94. Post-op W female, 5'9", 160, clean, nonsmoker. Interested in carpentry, model railroading, architecture, travel. "Seek long term relationship with F-M post-op or M. Intentions matrimony, love and guidance, career. Prefer Chicago, Minneapolis, Charlotte. Founder of TV/TS group in Winnipeg."

KRISTEN M.
(CAN-M4431-K9674-69)
Member Illusions. Passable hetero, married CD, 35, 5'6", 150. Just out of the closet and very happy. Wife is supportive. "Am a very caring and committed person. Enjoy dressing completely. Want to correspond with other married CDs and

couples who enjoy dressing together. No sex letters please. Will write back."

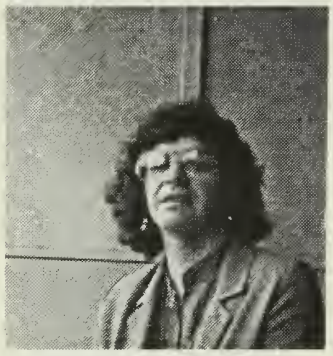
ROBYN MARIE LAYNE
(CAN-P-M4455-K3419-69)
S, biTV, 30something, 5'7", 145. "Dressing since childhood, clean and sober ten years. Confused until recently discovering this wonderful community! Not passable yet, but hopeful. Many interests: femininity, writing, photography, music, sports. Seek sharing support, feelings, and emotional growth. Reserved, lonely, loyal friend. Please write, I'll answer!"

CHRISTINE B.
(CAN-P-M4486-K9701-69)
Tall, slim, blue eyed brunette. Interests include art, intellectual development and social activism. "Have recently become empowered and enlightened by releasing the woman within me to grow and go forth in the world. I love the exquisitely soft and sensuous state of femininity."

LESLIE M. (CAN-P-4488-K9703-69)
Attended Dressing for Pleasure '89, '90, '91, in fashion show '90, '91. 40s, 5'9", 170, single. " Been to many clubs and events in Vancouver, NYC, England. Love skiing, world travel, girl talk, fashionable and exotic fashions. Comfortable with m dressing. Seek NON-smokers. Fairly passable. Comfortable being feminine."

JAYE-LEE H.
(CAN-M4534-K8582-69)
CD, 40, 6', 185. Open-minded, friendly, sense of humor, professional, university degrees. "Married with supportive wife. Love writing, photography, outdoors. Feel sexy and feminine when wearing sensual outfits. Wish to correspond, exchange photos, ideas with TV/TS/couples. Love to meet new friends who are imaginative, honest and share my lifestyle."

AIMÉE K.
(CAN-P-M4718-K10433-70)
"A thousand blouses, hundreds of skirts, dresses, and what used to be called unmentionables. Older TV who likes buying almost as much as dressing would like to hear from other Tvs interested in trying on and/or acquiring some of the above."



DAWNA TRACY
(CAN-NP-M4787-K2066-71)
SWM, mid-30s, tall, thin pre-op TS. "Lifelong dysphoric seeks good friends (maybe job). NO SEX LETTERS. Love lots of music, travel, sketching, photography, British humour, youth/forced TV stories and infantilism. Hope to crosslive this year. Love all fashions, but blend in public unnoticed. Good at makeup."

JANET C.
(CAN-NP-M4855-K7328-71)
"Love buying new music, shopping, and the pursuit of beauty and freedom. Respect and admire women. Dreaming of being a bride. Best of luck, girls, in living your life the way you want."

PAT E. (CAN-M4564-K9891-69)
Divorced Dad, abused, attractive 34, sincere, honest, eccentric, 6', 169 hetero TV. "Seek friendss to rebuild life in western Canada. Attracted to Oriental women. Enjoy mechanics, swimming, photography, rural life and dressing up. Personal/business arrangements considened!"

JAMES G. (CAN-M4685-K10367-71)
Single genetic male in 60s very interested in all transsexuals and androgynes. "Would like to correspond with a M-F and F-M TS (especially the latter, and post-op). Must be willing to share experiences. Also would like to correspond with genetic females. Only TS, androgynes and genetic females, please write."

MEXICO

KATARINA B.
(MEX-NP-M4183-K6444-71)
27-year-old TS about 5'7", brown eyes, black hair. Interests include *STAR TREK*, Sci-Fi, literature, movies, winter sports, computers (networks). "Just starting to go out. Active in some computer networks. Currently trying to write sci-fi novel with a TS protagonist. Would welcome all correspondence."

BRAZIL

LUCY M.
(BRAZIL-M4560-K9889-69)
WSM (Hispanic), 5'7", 160, 28. Interested in shopping, travel, good conversation, honest people, lingerie and high heels. "Would like to make friendships with CD/TV/TS located anywhere. I have conditions and visa to go to USA and to Europe."

UNITED KINGDOM

ANNE FORRESTER
(SCOTLAND-P-M2791-K4526-68)
Founder of Grampion Gender Group, member Scottish TV/TS Group. Attended Coming Together, Fantasia Fair. Hetero TG, divorced, 62 going on 40. Writer and editor (Ph.D.). "I travel widely, write a lot, and edit *The Tartan Skirt*. A conservatively dressed lady who loves ballgowns, I pass well everywhere. Love helping and hearing from sisters abroad."

KAREN BARCLAY
(ENG-P-M3191-K6155-70)
Tall, slim, CD, 25. Live with understanding girlfriend. Interested in Aikido, foreign travel, current affairs. "I believe cross-dressing sets you free. I also think you can get more from a dress and a kind word than you can from just a kind word. So, take a deep breath and write."

EUROPE

YVONNE THOMPSON
(GERMANY-P-M3050-K5626-69)
Hetero TV, 5'9", 158, ash blond hair, somewhat passable. Interested in photography, cooking, jazz of the 40's and 50's, traveling. "Attended 25th anniversary FPE-NE, EuroFantasia, Harmony Weekend. I like fine lingerie, elegant ladylike dresses, perfect makeup. Dressed up many times in public. Like to correspond with sisters in the USA."

EVA K.
(GERMANY-M3749-K6460-72)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended EuroFantasia '93. Married couple, both mid-30s. Interested in feminism, philosophy, sociology, crossdressing, the gender community. "Interested in contacting other 'transgendered' couples. We are both totally out of the closet. Do not like to be normal any more."

SUSANNE ANDERS
(AUSTRIA-M2774-K4604-72)
Member FPE SWEDEN. 52, 5'8", 180. Middle aged, 16/18, quiet CD since al-

most forever. Interested in travel, camping, music, cosmopolitan interests, fashion. "I would like to communicate with other CDs or interested people. Am married, supported, but not understood. Participated in meetings in Sweden and USA."

JENNY SAND
(NORWAY-P-M2584-K3753-68)
Member FPE-Northern Europe. Attended Fantasia Fair '90, '91. TV, 38, 5'8", 120. Enjoys low-budget world travel, meeting warm, open-minded, humorous people. Interests include literature, music, art and film. "Love to feel feminine. Go out dressed with friends and other club members as often as I can. Interested in hearing from anyone, especially sisters in Europe. Please, write!"

AUSTRALIA

JOANNE WILSON
(AUS-P-M2516-K3664-69)
MWM, 5'10", 160, 50+. Interested in reading, writing, theatre, arts, film. "Total look TV since preteens. Professional author/writer. Love to correspond and share pictures. Guaranteed replies."

KYM AYRES
(AUS-P-M4559-K9888-69)
Member Seahorse Society NSW. MWM, CD, 5'5", 133, 10/12, 60, arts teacher, Bachelor Visual Arts and Art History and Criticism. Practising artist. Secretary/treasurer of Seahorse Society. Interested in arts, music, writing, photography. Accepting and supportive wife. "I enjoy going out crossdressed. Active in promoting education about gender issues. Would like to correspond with others."

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NO VACANCY

To: **Rusty West, MD**
Re: Letter in *Texas Medicine,* Vol 90.No 7

I am mystified at your assumption in your above referenced letter that transgendered people are "God-vacant." My personal experience plus knowing vast numbers of the transgendered as Executive Director of the International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy(ICTLEP) tell me that, almost to a person, the transgendered seek God-centeredness. The problem usually is that they have been fed your style of diatribe most of their life: they are often *god*-beaten. Good job, christian! (Little "g/c" intended.)

There is no, as you portray, "profane belief that God created you wrong." Indeed, we are perfect, with respect to our being transgendered. We have no *disease* other than the *profane dis-ease* that a gender bipolar society of people like yourself have with us.

The transgendered are at level one in a three step process to being whole. We began at step two—wholeness. Most cultures and much history will so bear witness. People as yourself, steeped in gender bipolarity and the notion that sex equals gender, put us back into step zero—abnormality. People who care, Collier Cole, Lee Emory and Ted Huang, have helped us to step one—awareness. My community does not consider itself to be "gender dysphoric."

ICTLEP, through its annual conference—TRANSGEN '94: YOUR JOB, YOUR HEALTH, YOUR RIGHTS, YOUR DOCUMENTS—will struggle to move us away from the gender dysphoric label, to take us out of the American Psychiatric Association's *Diagnostic Statistical Manual (DSM)* and to revise our own standards of care. Rather than attack us, doctor, I suggest that you attend, meet us and contribute.

When you see someone who owns neither a ranch nor a farm, nor sow, nor horse, but who is totally immersed in country-and-western attire, social-life and music, you are seeing a cross-dressed person, a *trans-west-ite.* See how they react to your step one burdens.

Phyllis Randolph Frye, Atty

SUICIDE

I'm not very good at writing letters, and I've never really taken a stand for or against anything I believe in, until now. I just finished reading the article about a young man, a crossdresser, who had committed suicide. His parents found him dead, as they said, "...in a wedding dress no less." People just don't understand why some people do kill themselves. Let me tell you why some people try to kill themselves.

When I was growing up, my parents found out about my crossdressing. All my life they've told me how I'm mentally sick and I was never to tell anybody about myself because of the shame and embarrassment it would cause the family. They embarrassed and shamed me every chance they got, thinking that would make me stop. They took me in for electrical shock treatments, thinking that would cure me. When that didn't work, they beat me and beat me and beat me. My father tried his best to even kill me one day. I wish he had.

The first chance I got, I got out of there. I married, and after hiding my true self from my wife for nineteen years, at a time when I thought our marriage was really strong, I told my wife about myself. Six months after that, I caught my wife having an affair with my best friend. She told me, because I told her about myself, she didn't see me as a real man anymore. Within a year we were divorced. If that wasn't enough, so that my two kids wouldn't hate her for having an affair, she told them about me. Now they treat her like she did what she had to do, and they won't have anything to do with me.

This is very hard to write. I've been crying since I started writing this. In the last three years I've tried suicide eight times, the last time just two weeks ago. The last three times I've come very close, being unconscious for several days each time. I guess the sad part is, I will probably try again.

It's really sad when your own parents, your wife and your children can't love you just the way you are, instead of destroying you.

I'm not asking or want anybody to feel sorry for me. I just want people to realize why some of us commit suicide. For some of us, we feel it is the best thing for us.

Anonymous
(Reprinted from Vol VIII No. 4, *Gender Euphoria,* published by the Boulton & Park Society, P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163 USA.)

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BRITISH CONCERNS

I know the magazine is mainly for the USA in its views, but legislation like Colorado's Amendment #2 and Oregon's Ballot Measure 9 could come over to Britain if our government thought they could get away with it. Hopefully they will not, and these two laws will be rejected, not only for TS and gay people, but for everyone who likes to live in their own way.

Dressing and feeling like the women we are is normal to us. I know this. I feel natural being my feminine self, and feel there is nothing wrong. There is a softer side to our nature which I feel is so important, and I support your campaigning against such horrific ideas that are in these laws.

One thing that could be bad about laws like these is that people suffering from things like HIV could become pushed out of the health agenda, something that would be risky. Let's hope nothing comes of these laws (by health agenda I mean hospitals not wishing to treat anyone with this terrible illness). It sounds like Colorado and Oregon are going back to the dark ages with laws like these.

God bless you,

Rosemary Waters
London, England

TALKING TRASH

I would like to respond to Helene H.'s criticism of my letter regarding Danielle Bruzzese's article.

First of all, I *never* trashed *Tapestry* as Helene claims in her letter, and to claim that I implied in any way that it is a "fascist" publication is entirely inaccurate and a complete distortion of my words. My letter merely expressed dismay that *Tapestry* had decided to publish an article trashing transsexuals, especially one that relied as its sole source of information on an extremely vitriolic ideological diatribe that has been totally discredited. After all there are already more than enough articles out there in other media which trash transsexuals; I do not see why *Tapestry* felt the need to add to them. But to portray this as "trashing" *Tapestry* or characterizing it as "fascist" is an extreme distortion of my words and intentions. Helene is in fact engaging in the very thing that she accuses me of, that is, rhetorical overkill.

As for my criticisms of Ms Bruzzese's article, I have no apologies for them, and I stand by every one of them entirely. Nor do I concede that any of them were unwarranted or excessive. Rather, they were directly proportional to the subject matter. Helene's letter seems to imply that Ms Bruzzese's article was somehow within the bounds of reasonable discourse on the subject of transsexuality, which most assuredly, it is not. If Ms Bruzzese or anyone else intends to trash transsexuals in the manner which she did, she should be prepared to be refuted in the same degree.

Sincerely,

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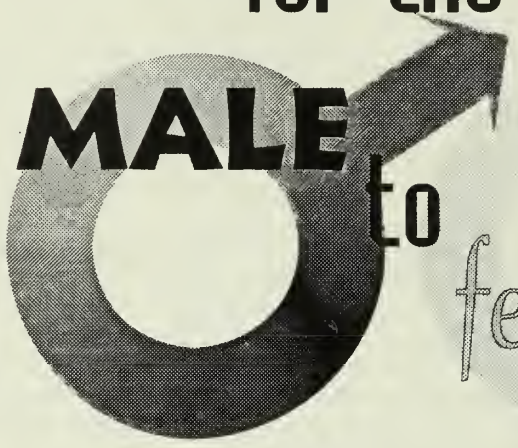

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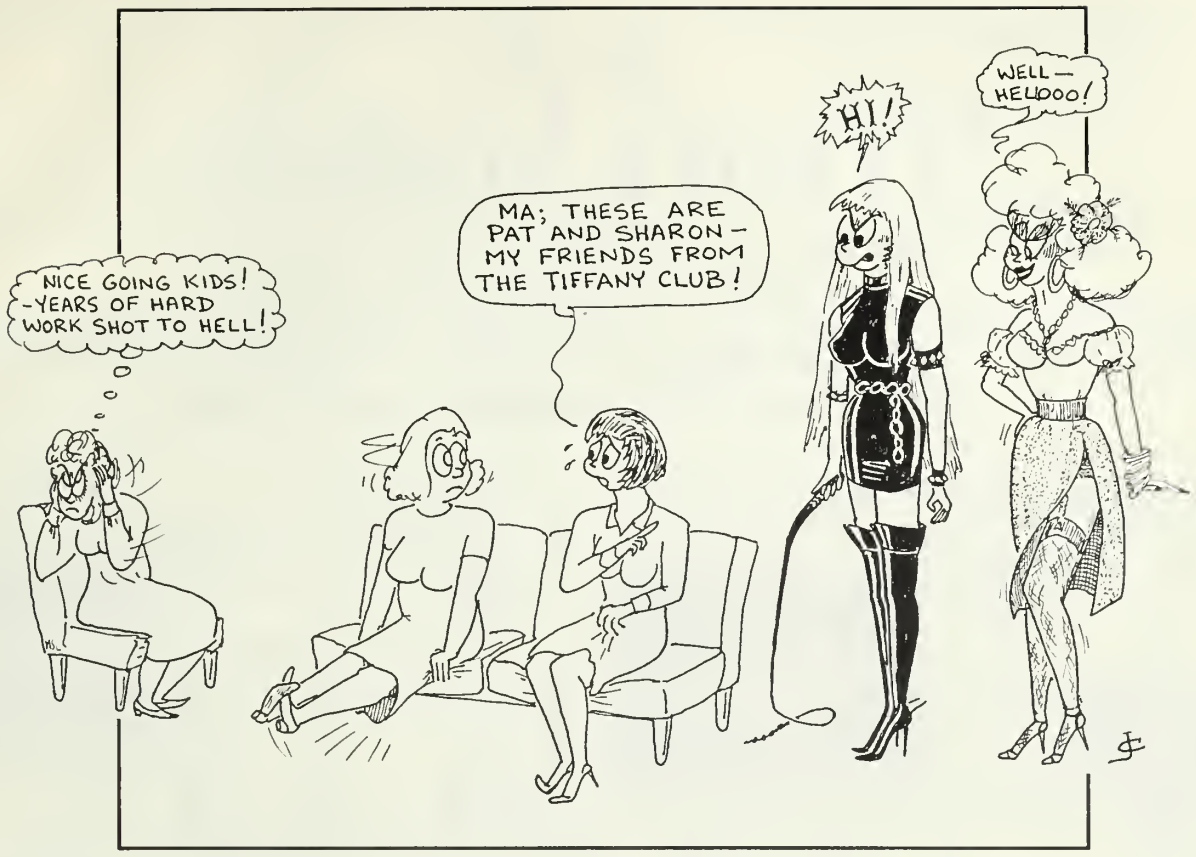

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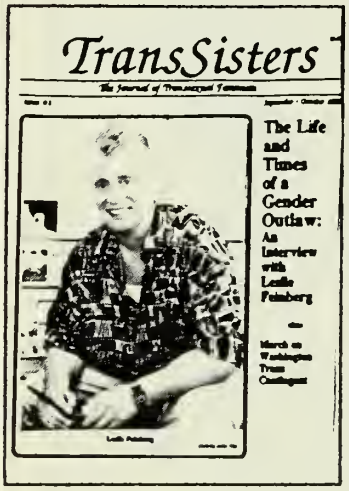

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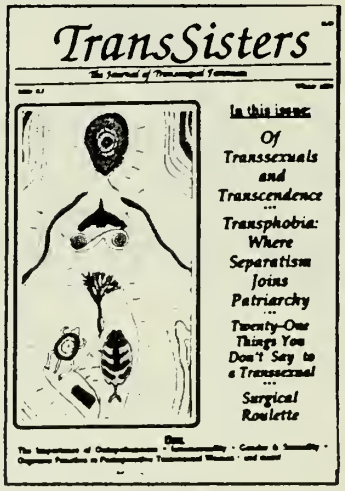

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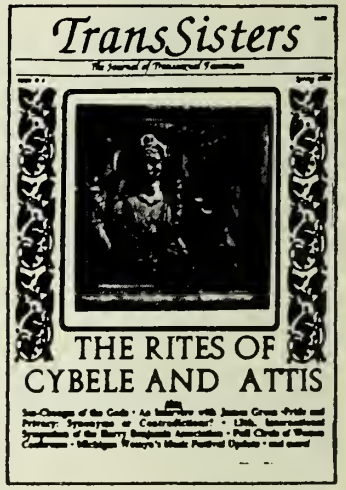

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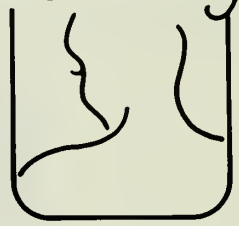

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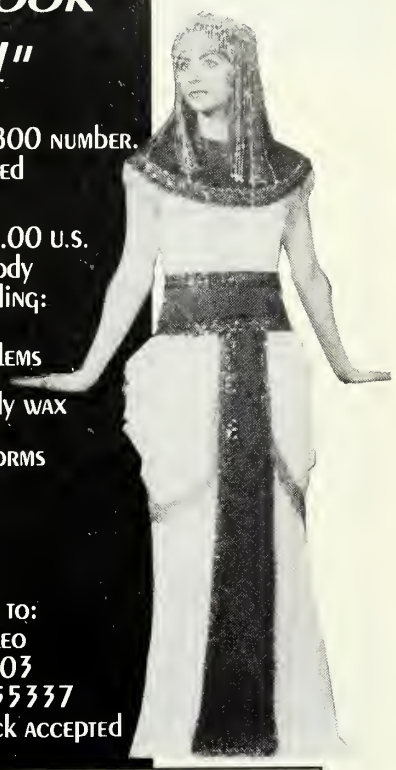

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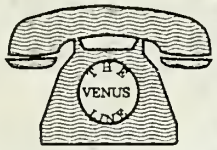

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